

Dorothy Elizabeth Kiesel, 88, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007.

She moved to Fort Myers in 1951, from Babylon, N.Y. She was a member of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Royal Palm Yacht Club, Fort Myers Women's Community Club, Villas Volunteers, Lee Memorial Auxiliary Volunteers and the Oak Beach Gulls.

Dorothy was an avid athlete while attending and graduating from Babylon High School. She lettered and excelled in all sports that were open to young women at the time. She pursued her athletics as an adult in Fort Myers by playing golf and held the title of Women's Champion at Fort Myers Country Club, Whiskey Creek Country Club and Lake Lawn Country Club. She excelled at bowling. Friday evenings would find her at local ball fields and courts watching her children and grandchildren pursue their love of sports.

Dorothy and Hilbert enjoyed traveling. They visited Europe, Egypt, Mexico and Scandinavia. They spent time in the Smoky Mountains with their son and daughter.

A homemaker, Dot was the best friend to her husband and children. She held open house for all of their friends. As the grandchildren came along she was known as "Boom" and all were welcome with their many friends. Friend to many, loved by more, she will be truly missed and remain in our hearts and minds for time eternal.

Dorothy is survived by her one and only love, her husband of 68 years, Hilbert V. Kiesel; her three children, Dorothy Lillian Kiesel Poll (George) of Ft. Myers and Franklin, Hilbert D. Kiesel (Alene) of Franklin, and Thomas F. Kiesel (Ruth) of Ft. Myers; grandchildren, Kristen O'Halloran (Sean), Jarrett Kiesel (Kim), Conrad Kiesel, Hilary Kiesel, Shannon Dorsey (David) Gainesville, Ga.; great-grandchildren, Katelyn O'Halloran, Caroline O'Halloran, Cameron O'Halloran, Connor Ryan Kiesel, Vincent Rohl Kiesel and Brooks Hilbert Dorsey; sisters-in-law, Ann Rohl and Linn Rohl of Babylon, N.Y., Lillian Wang, Cecilia Kiesel and Joan Kiesel of Ft. Myers; brother-in-law, Deacon and Mrs. Charles Kiesel of Ft. Myers Beach; and many nieces, nephews and friends to cherish her memory.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents, Martha and Frank Rohl; brothers, Henry Rohl and Judge Kenneth K. Rohl; brothers-in-law, George Kiesel, Donald Kiesel and Theodore Wang.

Pallbearers will be Conrad Kiesel, Jarrett Kiesel, Charles "Scoop" Kiesel Jr., Jeffrey Kiesel, Steven Rohl and Baron Rohl.

Visitation was held Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Chapel of Harvey-Engelhardt-Metz Funeral Home, 1600 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saint Cecilia's Catholic Church on Friday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m., conducted by Father Stan Dombrowski and assisted by Deacon Charles Kiesel, Joe Torres and Brian Bluett.

Along with flowers, which Dorothy loved, donations may be made in her name to Hope

Hospice of Southwest Florida.

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