

Mary R. Hopper

NORTH CHATHAM — Mary R. Hopper, age 90, of Liberty Commons Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, North Chatham, formerly of North Eastham and Orlando, Fla., died on July 12, 2009, at Cape Cod Hospital.

She was the wife of Nelson H. Drake, who died in 1956, and Allen Hopper, who died in 1986.

Mary grew up in New Jersey, where she eventually married her first husband, Nelson. Together they had one son, Brian N. Drake. In 1969, Mary and her second husband, Allen, and moved to North Eastham. Together they formed Hopper Real Estate, which is still in existence today.

While working in Eastham, Mary was active in a number of women's business trade organizations and was also on the Eastham Planning Board in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

After she and Allen sold their business in 1985, they retired to Orlando. Mary later returned to the Cape in 2000, where she lived until her death.

Mary loved the beach and also enjoyed playing golf and painting during her earlier years before losing her eyesight to macular degeneration.

Survivors include her son, Brian N. Drake and his wife Nancy of North Eastham; and stepdaughter, Patricia (Hopper) Strasberg and her husband Ronald of Orlando, Fla. She is also survived by three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and six great-stepgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Eastham at Evergreen Cemetery on Route 6 across from Arnold's Restaurant, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 2009.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory can be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

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