



Adele A. Caldwell

May 28, 2010

CALDWELL, Adele A.

90, of Gulfport and Boca Grande died Friday, May 28th in Gulfport at the home of her daughter, April Caldwell Hornsleth. She was predeceased by less than a year by her beloved husband of almost 64 years, R.W. 'Bob' Caldwell, Jr. who died July 4, 2009. Born Adele Dufour Allport on December 30, 1919 in Asheville, North Carolina, she was the youngest of four sisters and graduated from Biltmore College which became the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She installed radios in military aircraft during World War II in Tennessee and while on a trip to California in 1945, she met and soon after married Bob Caldwell who was working as an aeronautical engineer building the heavy bomber B-24 Liberator for Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego. The Caldwells moved back to Bob's hometown of Gulfport on July 4, 1951 with their three young children in tow. Bob started working with his father by opening up the building division of R.W. Caldwell, Inc., a real estate and insurance business started originally by the elder Caldwell in 1937. Besides raising the children, Adele designed many of Bob's custom homes.

Adele's leisure time was filled with fishing, sailing and family trips. She was a platinum, over 50 year member of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. In 1979, when she was 59, she sailed in international competition for the SPYC in France. She was the Yacht Club's Salty Sisters sailing champion at least six times, winning her last championship when she was well into her seventies

and twice as old as the next oldest competitor. Adele and Bob enjoyed enormously taking summer trips with their children in a station wagon to national parks around America, camping out along the way, and then repeating many of those trips a generation later with their grandchildren. The 2010 edition of the Boca Beacon Tarpon Times in Boca Grande, published just three weeks ago, features Tarpon Tales and an article with a large cover photo of Adele in the late 1950s sitting demurely on the stern of the boat overseeing a large tarpon that had been hooked and then jumped into the boat thrashing around causing havoc. That mounted fish hangs in the R.W. Caldwell office today.

Adele's and Bob's lives were inseparable and were truly intertwined. That included helping many people quietly and without fanfare. They took a trip together to Haiti to see first hand the stories of poverty and malnourishment they had heard and read about. As a result, together, they paid for and shipped more than 500,000 pounds of black beans to the Haitian people through a charity headquartered here in Pinellas County, For HAITI With Love. Adele is survived and missed by her two daughters, April Caldwell Hornsleth (Poul) and Elise 'Desi' Caldwell McCarthy (Vaughn), her son, R. W. 'Bill' Caldwell, III (Katie), her two grandsons, Poul Hornsleth, III and Kyle McCarthy and her granddaughter, Jody Caldwell Hornsleth Sep

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Adele A. Caldwell uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Salty Sisters - friends and sisters posted a condolence We are so sorry to hear of Adele's passing. Please know that all her Salty Sisters will miss her. She was one of our Past Captains. And one of a very special group of Sisters we call "OLD SALTS" We feel that we were very lucky to have had her with us as long as we did. Please accept our condolences....*

Salty Sisters - friends and sisters - June 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom & Linda Twitty - Friends posted a condolence Linda and I were at the Bay Pines Memorial Day services last week and sat next to Joe who told us about Adele passing. We are distressed for we were traveling when R.W. passed away last July had missed that life celebration. Please include us if the family gets together to celebrate Adele and Bob's life in the future. Adele and Bob were one of our favorite couples and the memory of them dancing away in the Bahamas is always present in our thoughts. Love Tom and Linda*

Tom & Linda Twitty - Friends - June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM