



## Irene C. Deschamps

June 16, 1917 - January 26, 2010

Irene (“Babe”) Deschamps passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Ginger Cove in Annapolis, MD. Babe was 92 years old and lived a full and wonderfully happy life.

Babe was born in Kenosha, WI in June 1917 to Charles “Ted” and Lora Crawford and was the baby of her family with sisters Mary Jane, Martha, and Jean. Later her family moved to Philadelphia, PA, and in 1937 she married Edme Deschamps. During WW-II, Babe and her sister Jean lived together, each with a child and their dogs (Dippy & Dusky), a cat (Dynamite) and a pet duck (George) while their husbands were away in the Army in the Pacific theatre. In 1947, Babe and Edme moved to Stone Harbor to establish Deschamps Boat Yard, which they operated for about 30 years. They were long time members of the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor and were very active promoting sailing. For many summers they raced their Cheetah Cat catamaran “Wild Thing”, one of a fleet that Edme built and supported. In 1968, Edme and Babe built and sponsored the C-Class catamaran challenger “Yankee Flyer” for the Little America’s Cup against Great Britain and extended the list of their many friends to include those across the Atlantic.

Upon their retirement, they annually wintered their beautiful yawl B  b   down the Inland Waterway with their on-board cat Fearless Fostic. They often took side trips to charter in the Bahamas and the Caribbean and made other

excursions abroad. Babe especially loved the fun of her many large family gatherings and any other festive occasions involving her many friends and relatives.

Her husband Edme passed away in 1994. In 2001, Babe sold her home in Stone Harbor and moved to Ginger Cove in Annapolis to live close by her son, Laurent Deschamps. Besides her son and his wife Debbie, she is survived by her sister Jean Wert of Maple Shade, NJ; two nieces Pat Hohwald and Sue Reimer; two nephews Ted Schaefer and Terry Schaefer; and two grandchildren, Chris Deschamps of Charlotte, NC and Nicole Muehr of Potomac Falls, VA. She will always be remembered as "Great Babe" to her five great grandchildren: Will, Ben, Lyle, Mason and Morgan

A celebration of life will be held for Babe at her son's home for family and close friends at a date later to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caring Collection Inc., 1692 North Harbor Court, Annapolis, Md. 21401 or to the Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Arrangements were made by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD. For inquiries please call 410-897-4852

# Tribute Wall



“ Irene C. Deschamps

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Irene C. Deschamps

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Irene C. Deschamps

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Laurie,

*We read recently of your mother's passing & had to let you know our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I can still remember you & good times in Stone Harbor. The boat yard is long gone, but memoies are still with us.*

*The last time we spoke was Frank Mixner's wedding. You were in your uniform with crossed swards to honor them.*

*Would love to talk to you sometime to catch up on your ventures.*

*George McClure 609 465 5952.##imported-begin##George##imported-end##*

February 03, 2010 at 11:03 AM



“ Laurie...I read your moms obituary in the paper today and her picture brought back many memories of growing up in Stone Harbor. Your Mom and mine were great friends and I remember spending time with my brother Frank at your house. Please know I am thinking of you and your family at this time. Sue Mixner Stanford##imported-begin##Suzanne##imported-end##

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