

Nancy [Woodruff] Adler



December 18, 1933 – January 21, 2004

Resident of Naples, Florida

ADLER, Nancy Woodruff - 70, of Naples, FL, died January 21, 2004. She was born in Detroit, MI December 18, 1933 and was schooled in San Leandro, CA. She trained for photographic modeling, then moved to New York and received immediate notice by the advertising world. In the days of live TV, she performed commercials on the Arthur Godfrey and the Jackie Gleason shows. She was twice selected as one of the six candidates for the "Miss Rhinegold" contest in 1953 and 1955. As winner in 1955 she received a contract to be spokesperson of the year for the Rhinegold Co. The highlight of the year was a European tour with co-host, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Nancy married Jack Adler and raised two children in New York and West Hampton. She also served for three years as secretary of the NYC chapter of the D.A.R. In later years she moved to Naples, FL, and took a position with Collier County, where she worked until retirement. She is survived by a son, Tom Adler of New York, NY; daughter, Patricia Bendit of Light House Point, FL; brother, Tom Woodruff; and grandson, Jack Bendit. A Memorial Service will be celebrated Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Nancy's name should be directed to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. www.dignitymemorial.com Johnson-Pittman Funeral & Cremation Services 239-774-3444.

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