

## Half Staff – Rachel May Davis

January 20, 2010



DANVERS — Rachel May (Spiers) Davis, age 89, wife of the late William Davis, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, in Danvers following a long illness. Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Hugh and Rachel A. (Young) Spiers, she was raised and educated in Medford, graduating from Medford High School. A communications student in Boston, her interest included settlement house work, international students, and animal welfare organizations.

Mrs. Davis was an active member of the Grace Episcopal Church in Salem. A compassionate and thoughtful woman, Mrs. Davis also enjoyed entertaining others (especially children) with her skits and humor. She and her husband had also enjoyed taking rides in the country.

She is survived by a son, Philip H. “Doc” Davis of Gloucester; a sister-in-law, Jean Spiers of Wakefield; three nephews, Hugh Spiers of Arundel, Maine, Henry Spiers of Medford, and Wesley Wilcox of Louisiana; and a niece, Linda Byam of Wakefield.

She was predeceased by a brother, Henry Spiers and a sister, Marion Wilcox.

ARRANGEMENTS: A gathering of relatives and friends will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Murphy Funeral Home, 85 Federal St., (corner of Route 114, exit 25A from route 128) Salem. A memorial service at Grace Episcopal Church, Salem will be held at a time to be announced. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cape Ann Animal Aid, 260 Main St., Gloucester, MA 01930. For online guestbook or additional information please call 978-744-0497 or visit [www.MurphyFuneralHome.com](http://www.MurphyFuneralHome.com).