

## Half Staff – Florence “Bunny” Elizabeth Rogers

**Monday, January 3, 2005**

Florence “Bunny” Elizabeth Rogers, 72, of 24 Main St., Northborough, died Friday in her home after a long illness. The beloved wife and best friend of Grenville H. “Bucky” Rogers, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Mrs. Rogers is the cherished mother of Bridget A. Reel of Brooklyn, N.Y., Brenda L. Derby of Northborough, and the late Gregory William Rogers; the loving grandmother of Nathan M. Reel of Salem, and Alexander R. Lincoln of Methuen; great-grandmother of William H. and Alexander R. Lincoln; and dear sister of Arthur J. Ballard Jr. of Bondville, VT, and the late Doris Ryan. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as her grand-dog, Snowy Derby.

A lifelong resident of Northborough, she was born Florence Elizabeth Ballard on Sept. 5, 1932, in Marlborough, the daughter of the late May F. Ballard of Northborough, and the late Arthur J. Ballard of Marlborough. She graduated from Northborough High School and the Academe Moderne in Boston. She served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, during the Korean War. Upon her discharge in 1952, she married “Bucky” Rogers, who became her lifelong partner.

She enjoyed great success in the real estate profession. In 1965, she co-founded Norbro Realty Inc., with her husband, serving as vice president, and subsequently worked as a Realtor with RE/MAX First Choice of Northborough. In addition to completing her certification at the Realtor Institute, she was a longtime member of the Massachusetts Women’s Council of Realtors, where she held three elective offices: president of Worcester County chapter, state president, and later governor of the Women’s Council of Realtors. She also received the prestigious Omega Tau Rho Medallion of Service awarded to Realtors who demonstrate the highest leadership on a local, state and national level.

She will be remembered for her contributions to the communities where she lived and spent her leisure time. In Northborough, she was a treasurer of the Women’s Club, an active volunteer with shut-in elderly and a member of the town’s Historical Society. In Rockport, she was a member of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, where she actively supported the youth sailing program.

She was an avid gardener and sailor, and enjoyed collecting memorabilia relating to Northborough’s history. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Church in Northborough.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Church Memorial Fund, 23 Main St., Northborough, MA 01532.