

Mead, Anzle



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Anzle B. Mead passed away at her Melrose Florida home at the age of 99 on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. She was born on May 19, 1912, in Worcester, Massachusetts to George Butler and Louise Easton Smith.

She was raised in Manhattan and Waccabuc, New York and Ormond Beach, Florida. The Ormond Beach Historical Society, through a taped oral history interview, recently documented her memories of her time in Ormond Beach.

As a young woman, Anzle attended boarding school in Germany. She developed a lifelong love of travel, especially camping. She toured extensively in the US and Canada and as far away as New Zealand and Australia.

From 1948 until 1976 Anzle resided in Vero Beach Florida.

As owner of Mead's Store, she designed, manufactured, and marketed original shell jewelry pieces all over the Southern US. It was in Vero Beach, at the age of 62, she took an interest in painting and became a prolific artist. A sample of her art was recently displayed in the Melrose Library and her art is in homes and businesses across the US and Canada.

In 1976 she sold Mead's Store and retired to Melrose, Florida. As a rancher, she raised cattle and a menagerie of other animals. At Santa Fe Meadows Anzle also boarded horses, the animals she came to love as a young girl. She learned to ride at a young age and rode well into her sixties. Anzle provided a retirement home for aged horses on her Melrose ranch and horses became a favorite subject in her art.

She also loved bridge and played regularly with her Melrose and Keystone Heights friends. She was quite the chef and loved picnics and entertaining close friends. She was well read and discussed books until the end. She was a great storyteller and entertained her friends and family with tales of her life and travels.

She is survived by one son, George Studwell Mead and his wife Gisele, one surrogate daughter, Wanda Beth Weintraub, nephew Perry Butler and niece Lou Douglas, surrogate nephew Tony Gilyard and his wife Sue, surrogate nieces Diane "Dee Dee" Hopper and Yvonne Gilyard, additional family, and a vast network of loving friends. She is preceded in death by her grandfather and namesake, Col. Fergus Anzle Easton, a Civil War officer in the 6th NY Cavalry and his wife Jean C Easton, her parents, her sister, Louise "Chub" Smith Butler, and her surrogate nephew Kent Gilyard.

Her family and friends will celebrate her life at her home with an open house on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 10:30AM-4:00PM.

Arrangements are under the care of WILLIAMS-THOMAS FUNERAL HOME DOWNTOWN 404 North Main St.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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 **Description:** Attached is the obituary for Anzle Butler Smith Mead which appeared in the Sunday edition of the Gainesville, FL newspaper.