

## **Reba Light Goodno**

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#### **Longtime deacon, flower lover**

Reba Light Goodno, who for decades traveled the world searching for beautiful flowers, died Tuesday at Mount Sinai Medical Center after suffering lung problems. She was 89.

For years, Goodno was a deacon and circle leader at the Church by the Sea.

"She had an ability to write a prayer, memorize it and deliver it the next day," said John Alden Goodno, her husband of 64 years. "She did that on many an occasion."

But her great interest was flowers — roses were her favorite. Goodno, a member of the Miami Beach Garden Club, traveled to places like Peru, Alaska and England to judge flower competitions.

"She inherited this love of flowers from her parents," her husband said.

Born in West Virginia, Goodno worked her way through Marshall University and later endowed the Reba Light Goodno Room as part of the Ericson Alumni Building.

She was also a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority of the Coral Gables alumni chapter. She was a 25-year resident of Bal Harbour.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Dr. John Goodno Jr. and Edward Goodno; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Church by the Sea.