

Barbara Gundlach

HOUGHTON — A memorial service for Barbara Kettle Gundlach, who died on May 8 at Las Olas General Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Portage Lake United Church. The Rev. Samuel Oliver will officiate.

She was born in Jamestown, New York and married Herman Gundlach on April 30, 1938. She was a graduate of Walnut Hill School, Natick, Mass.; Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.; and Kathryn Gibbs School, Boston. In 1968 she began graduate study in landscape architecture and design at the University of Michigan, Broward Community College and Nova University and worked as a landscape designer locally and in Florida.

She was a member and secretary of the Board of Directors of Herman Gundlach, Inc. and Copper Country Concrete Corp., a past chairwoman of the Portage Lake United Fund, a founder of the first Unitarian Fellowship in the area, and as a pioneer feminist she was a founder of the Copper Country Chapter of the National Organization for Women. She was a volunteer participant in a cancer research program at the Mayo Clinic.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Gretchen of Scottsdale, Ariz., Martha of Kona, Hawaii, Julie of Honesdale, Penn., and Janna of Kona, Hawaii; three granddaughters, Julie, Jilian and Michelle Rivet; one sister, Peggy Boerst of Larchmont, New York; several nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law Doratheia and Elvira Gundlach of Houghton.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy the family suggests memorials to the Shelter House for Abused Women or a favorite charity.