



# IN MEMORIAM

## Dolores L. Ripper

Dolores L. Ripper, MSW, CP, PAT, 86, passed away on the morning of May 1, 2017.

Dolores was a well known and much loved long-time resident of Martin County, having arrived there over 45 years ago. After years in the food service business, she returned to school at the age of 60 to earn her Master of Social Work Degree and also began Psychodrama training and became a CP. She was in the PAT process as well. Dolores became an integral member of the Tykes and Teens team of therapists providing counseling to thousands of children and family members in crisis. While most her age were retiring, her zest, love of learning, sense of humor and passion fueled her to



continue her work in the field of counseling and psychodrama. Dolores earned a nomination for the prestigious Sage Award just one week before her hospitalization. Dolores was well-loved by the clients she served – many of whom have literally grown up with her and live happier, healthier lives because of her dedication. Dolores will be remembered as a loving dynamic powerhouse who fought to improve the lives of others. She will be greatly missed by her family, colleagues, clients, and staff at St. Mary's Medical Center who gave her their love and care in her last weeks of life.