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Betty Cook Linn, 82, of Cleveland, Ohio and West Palm Beach, FL, died June 24, 2005, on Hilton Head Island, SC.

Born on November 9, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Jim and Marie Cook of Cleveland and West Palm Beach, FL; wife of the late Capt. Wilton C. Smith of Cleveland, killed in action over Bastogne, Belgium in 1944; wife for over 40 years of the late Lt. Col. Phillip J. Linn, Sr. of Cleveland.

As a Palm Beach Post staff writer in 1967-68, Mrs. Linn was one of the first to call attention to the planned demolition of the oldest house in Lake Worth. After other interested Lake Worth citizens joined the cause, the structure was moved to its present location, and became the home of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce. She then worked for more than ten years as a writer in the News Bureau of Palm Beach Junior College. She was a volunteer at the Henry Morrison Flagler museum for almost 30 years,

first as a guide then, for nine years, in charge of the museum scrapbook.

She was a member of the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society; the Seminole Chapter of the D.A.R.; the New England Historic Genealogical Society; the Society of Mayflower descendants; and the Geauga County (Ohio) Genealogical Society.

Survived by her daughter, Caroll Smith Williams and husband, George, of Hilton Head, SC; sons, Lt. Col. (ret.) Phillip J. Linn, Jr. and wife, Martha Davis, of Columbus, GA; and James W. Linn and wife, Elyse Ryan, of Tallahassee, FL; grandchildren Laura Williams Mattler; and Vicki Williams Tharp and husband, Wade; Susan Linn Ostrand and husband, Ken; Brendan and Amelia Linn; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Jessica Mattler; and Jason and Rachel Tharp; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

All those who knew her will miss her kindness and bright spirit, her

unflagging championship of the causes she believed in, her integrity, loyalty and her unconditional love and support for her family.

Betty will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery beside her late husband, Lt. Col. Phillip J. Linn.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1100, Chicago, Illinois 60611....

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Betty J. Linn (SS# issued in OH), last residence Hilton Head Island, Beaufort Co., SC.

Her lineage, from her great-great-grandmother: Caroline 1809 NY<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1786 NY<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1757 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>8</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>9</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>10</sup>, Benedict 1619 ENG<sup>11</sup>.