



Marian Brown

October 20, 1925 - May 23, 2018

Marian Brown, 92, of Grand Island, Nebraska passed away on May 23, 2018 from natural causes. A visitation celebrating her life will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the Gollaher Chapel of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island. Reverend Kelly Karges will officiate. Burial will be at Lincoln Memorial Park and Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Marian was born October 20, 1925 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Paul E. and Albena (Thege) Cook. She regularly reminisced about her time in Lincoln as some of the happiest days of her life. She was proud to be in the first graduating class of Lincoln Northeast High School in 1943. Upon graduation, she attended Pasadena, California Junior College. Marian returned to Nebraska, where she met her future husband, Del Brown, who was attending Nebraska Wesleyan University. When Del joined the Marine Corps, Marian took the train to join him in Columbia, South Carolina where they were married on December 31, 1944. The family moved a number of times when Del was transferred for his military service and later for his civilian work. Marian moved to Grand Island in 1969 and has been a resident of Grand Island ever since. Marian's life quickly became busy raising her children, which were her pride and joy throughout her life. Marian also valued and loved her work, successfully owning and operating Marian's Casuals from 1970 to 1997. Many people enjoyed shopping there as Marian had a unique talent for helping

customers find clothes they loved and “looked good in.” She loved her work, and she appreciated and enjoyed working with all of the women who worked along side of her. As a woman, she was one of the few women business owners in Grand Island during her career. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and was on the board of the YMCA Grand Generations Senior Citizens’ Center. She retired from Marian’s when she was 74 years old, and she and Del enjoyed living in their home on Brock’s Lake in Grand Island until he died in 2001.

Marian was a happy, contented, independent and energetic woman. She loved Nebraska, and never wavered from telling people “There is No Place like Nebraska.” She always hoped that her children would return to live in Grand Island. Those who knew and loved her will always remember the many quirky and fun things she did: entering annual Christmas yard decoration contests, burning weeds around Brock’s Lake, gardening, baking, making beautiful May baskets, carving pumpkins, and sending cards and presents to her family.

Marian is survived by her children; Randy (Peggy) Brown of Kent, Washington, Richard (Marjorie) Brown of Bellevue, Washington, Paula Weimer (Russ) of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Susan Hiatt (Lyle) of Denver, Colorado. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and their families: Adrienne Bourne (San Juan Islands, WA), Alyson Brown (Wasilla, AK), Kristina Brown (Los Angeles, CA), Philip Brown (Shasta, CA), John Robert DeGroot (Kona, HI), Savannah and Dawson Beethe (Ord, NE), Spencer and Davis Brown (Portland, OR), Jackson Brown (Seattle, WA), Zach Zikmund (Edgar, NE), Ashely Merrill (Johnson City, TN), Ryan and Sam Hiatt (Denver, CO), Katie Hiatt (Jackson, WY), and 12 great grandchildren.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, her son Robert, her parents, her brother Paul Cook, sisters Margaret Tristan and Virginia Nye Newton, and a brother, Howard, who died in infancy and grandson Patrick Brown.

Marian and family send special thanks to Dr. Wagoner, Tiffany Square, and

her special friend, June Oliphant.

Memorials are suggested to Grand Generations Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Service -Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church

MAY **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church - Gollaher Chapel
511 N. Elm St.
Grand Island, NE

Burial

MAY **30**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

Tribute Wall

RE

“ I am very late but I will miss you grandma <3 I didn't know you that well but you were my mom's grandma... and I miss you every single day

Rena - December 01, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Marian Brown

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

TS

“ Marion was a great neighbor to our family. We enjoyed the time we had together watching a Nebraska Game, Fishing and doing a little yard work. Our Sympathy to the Family. Terry, Janell, Jessica, Jake and Jeff Schutte

Terry Schutte - May 30, 2018 at 08:33 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry we are not there now to celebrate you. Thank you for entertaining me for hours in your store, in your house, or by the lake. Sending our love and condolences to Randy, Richard, Susan, Paula and your extended family, near and far. You are missed.



Adrienne Bourne - May 29, 2018 at 11:41 PM

LF

“ Love, Ken, JoAnn, Jaime, Joel, Jaci and families purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Marian Brown.



Love, Ken, JoAnn, Jaime, Joel, Jaci and families - May 29, 2018 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ Marian always welcomed family into her home for celebrations from Susan and Lyle's wedding to birthdays to holidays! She was strong woman who was so proud of her family! Marian's Casuals was Marian's heart and soul that kept her close to her friends and her community! She will be greatly missed by all!!

JoAnn K Hiatt - May 29, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marian Brown.



May 29, 2018 at 08:33 AM

JC

“ Joyce Collingham lit a candle in memory of Marian Brown



Joyce Collingham - May 28, 2018 at 09:23 AM

JC

“ I remember Marian from my days in beauty school. She was one of my favorites. I did her weekly and loved it. Now I'm talking along time back 1969-1970. I didn't get to see her much after I got out school because I didn't stay in G.I. But would run into her once in a great while. Always a gracious lady. She left a last impression on me she was the only lady I did that I remember .
So my sympathy to her family. Joyce Collingham

Joyce Collingham - May 28, 2018 at 09:22 AM

JO

“ What a lovely obituary relating Marian's life and loves. I will miss her.

My mother, Leota Cates, was a friend of hers for many years and we spent my mother's 80th birthday with Marian and Betty Lou at Marian's favorite lunch place, The Plum Thicket.

I spent time with Marian 3 or 4 times a week for the last 2 1/2 years. My mother passed away many years ago and Marian was a lot less demanding then my mother would have been. LOL

Marian loved playing bingo and showed me her winning quarters. She loved having her hair and nails done and had to have bright red nail polish. She loved her family and we had pictures on the bulletin board and talked about them often. She loved having them visit. We watched the sparrows fight over spots on the bird feeders outside her window. We even saw a cardinal a couple of times. We had a red headed finch a couple of times on the finch feeder. In the warm weather, she loved sitting outside and looking at the flowers and the water feature. Marian loved her mixed nuts, her peanut M&M's and Pepsi. I loved her and I will miss her. June Cates Oliphant

June Cates Oliphant - May 25, 2018 at 12:01 PM



My mother was Leoda Cates. June Cates Oliphant

June Oliphant - May 27, 2018 at 01:12 AM