



Mrs. Lois H Brown

March 7, 1926 - February 13, 2021

Lois Haines Brown passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 13, 2021.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on March 7, 1926. She graduated from high school in Rutland, MA, and matriculated at Boston University, graduating in 1949.

Lois loved teaching, and was an educator in West Hartford, CT; Attleboro, MA and Lenox, MA, where she taught in Lenox Dale, Cameron, and Morris schools. She taught art and later became a special education teacher. Throughout her career, she mentored many young teachers. Lois loved teaching so much that after she retired she continued to substitute teach into her 80s. Years after she retired, her former students would recognize her and enfold her in hugs. During the years she took a break from teaching to raise her family, she was still involved with growing young minds as a Girl Scout leader.

In 1978, Lois and her husband Harold started to take ballroom dancing lessons at So-Ed at the YMCA, and for years they were active in the social

dancing community. They were founding members of The Strictly Ballroom Dancers club, which hosted dances at the Dalton American Legion, where they waltzed away many a night dancing to a live band.

An accomplished artist, Lois decorated her home with her many oil paintings. She was an excellent cook, whose apple pie was particularly celebrated. She was devoted to her family, and was close to and well loved by all of the generations that succeeded her.

Lois is predeceased by her parents, Paul E. and Alice Haines, and a brother, Paul M. Haines.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Harold, and daughters Laurel (John) Nolet of Chester, MA; Nancy Holzner of Ithaca, NY; and Paula (Rob) Kennedy of Kissimmee, FL. She also leaves four grandchildren: Nate (Julie) Nolet, Jessi Meagher, Tamsen (Sean Ryan) Conner and Tricia Kennedy, and five great-grandchildren: Michael, Laurel, Gabriel, Everleigh and Imogen. Lois had the pleasure of meeting Imogen for the first time on February 6, and there were smiles all around.

She also leaves a sister-in-law who is more like a sister, Kay Cunningham; a brother, Robert (Edna) Haines and many nieces and nephews.

Lois and Harold were volunteer docents at Ventfort Hall in Lenox, MA, where they would give tours and Lois would pour during the high teas. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Ventfort Hall. In lieu of flowers,

donations can be made to Ventfort Hall, 104 Walker St., Lenox MA 01240, or to any charity of your choice.

There will be no calling hours. The family will hold a private graveside service and celebration of life later this spring.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ I loved my aunt. Would like to know where she us buried so we can visit her grave.

Grace Haines Miller - August 23, 2021 at 04:35 PM

SM

“ I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Brown from when I was a student at Lenox Dale elementary school. Years later when I was studying to be a special educator and began my career, she shared materials with me and always asked how teaching was going. She was a very special person! My condolences to all who loved her.

Sharon (Majewski) Musto - March 14, 2021 at 10:04 PM

PE

“ One aspect of Lois’s wonderful life that has not been mentioned is her love for old clocks. Lois and Harold joined the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and the local chapter of Rip Van Winkle Chapter 40. They never missed a meeting unless Ill and were charter members of the chapter. They had a long commute to the Albany area but never complained in spite of bad weather . Lois had a kiss, hug, and smile that I was a glad recipient of whenever we met. Although she had a series of health issues she would arrive with her cast on despite being in pain. Lois was a determined bidder at auctions and if she wanted a clock she went home with it. I will really miss her and our talks of Haines geneolgy.

Peter Elmendorf - February 20, 2021 at 09:11 AM

SB

To Harold and his family. Lois was truly a wonderful person and her time and dedication to our antique clock group , as mentioned by Peter Elmendorf , was truly amazing. My sincere condolences to her family.

Stephen Betts - February 20, 2021 at 06:52 PM

LR

“ Sending comforting thoughts to the Brown Family at this difficult time. Lois was so important, mentoring me when I was student teaching at Morris School in 1984. And David and I both love Lois and Harold from all our years dancing with the SoEd Dance Club. She was such a role model for so many. What a lovely life well lived.
David and Lynne Roberson

Lynne Roberson - February 19, 2021 at 01:03 PM

NS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your dear wife, mother and grand/great grandmother. I know she has left you with wonderful memories of her love and you will remember the pride she had in you for your lives.
I had the privilege of working with Lois many years in Lenox. She was a wonderful teacher and colleague. Always thoughtful and sensitive to her students and others. May she now Rest In Peace knowing she left a beautiful footprint.
Nanette Spoehr

Nanette Spoehr - February 19, 2021 at 10:57 AM

AM

“ What a smile and cheerful presence Lois greeted with everyone in all her many social activities. She and Harold, were a devoted couple. as inspiration to all. Love ,Peace and Prayers for the family
Agnes and Bernie Majewski

Agnesc and Bernie Majewski - February 18, 2021 at 10:32 PM

MF

“Lois was a lovely person. Always smiling. Her well-organized Strictly Ballroom dances brought friends together, helped create new friendships, and gave a good many people years of enjoyment as they gathered to eat with a large circle of friends, sometimes dressed in interesting costumes for special occasions, and danced the nights away to great music. Some of the best years of our later lives were at those dances. She and Harold have been wonderful friends. Our condolences to Harold and their children.

Marge & Mel Feathers

Marjorie Feathers - February 18, 2021 at 04:24 PM

HB

“We were so lucky to have Lois at Ventfort Hall for so many years -- she was such a bright light and brought us all so many smiles and so much joy. Thank you, Lois, for all you did for us. Much love, and condolences to her entire family.

Haley Barbieri - February 18, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JH

“I worked at Morris Elementary School while Lois was substituting there. She was one of the friendliest, kindest, sweetest people you could meet. My sincere condolences to her family.

Judy Hopper - February 17, 2021 at 07:57 PM

MV

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lois' passing. I worked with Lois as an elementary teacher in Lenox. I considered her a mentor and friend as we worked with my students who needed Lois' expertise, patience, and guidance. The children adored her and Lois' love for her students was always evident. Once she retired, Lois continued to give back to her school community by being a sought-after substitute. You always knew your students were in excellent hands under her care! I was proud to call her my colleague. Please accept my heart-felt condolences for your loss. She was one of a kind, a gem. Rest in peace, dear Lois!

Marion Frederick Vanasse - February 17, 2021 at 09:07 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lois' passing! I loved working with her! She was always so kind to the students and they loved her! When she started subbing, I would ask for her because I knew my students would be in good hands! She was a beautiful person, inside and out! Rest in peace, Mrs. Brown! 🥹🙏💕

Bonita Bertocci - February 16, 2021 at 02:21 PM