



Roberta C. Brown

October 10, 1926 - October 16, 2016

Roberta C. Brown died peacefully at home in West Palm Beach, Florida, surrounded by her husband and loving family, on October 16, 2016, at the age of 90.

Roberta was born Roberta Harriet Cook on October 10, 1926 in Westfield, New Jersey to Harriet (nee McEwen) and Harold Cook, and was soon joined by her younger sister, Marjorie. Roberta graduated Westfield High School in 1944, and continued her education for two years at the Katherine Gibbs School in New York City then worked as a legal secretary for several years in Manhattan before marrying Howard Harding Brown on April 29, 1949. Before long she had four children, whom she and Harding raised in Westfield, New Jersey, where they themselves had been raised, and where many of their extended family also lived. Roberta was the quintessential homemaker, providing a loving home for her family, caring extensively for others in and out of her family network, and was an exemplary wife and partner to the love of her life, Harding, whom she met when she was sixteen. Roberta was highly intelligent, yet demure and soft-spoken, always quietly fashionable, and ever kind. She served for years at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, N.J. both volunteering and as an active board member, and was also very involved with, and president of, the Visiting Nurses Association of Union County, N.J. She enjoyed playing bridge and golf at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, handwork, crosswords, reading, and baking. She and Harding were able to travel extensively throughout their marriage, deeply appreciating other cultures.

As the years went on, in addition to her four children, Roberta and Harding were blessed with five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They were able to enjoy a summer home in Edgartown, on Martha's Vineyard Island, beginning in 1965, and were active members of the Edgartown Yacht Club and the Edgartown Golf Club. Later still, they purchased a home at the Breaker's West community in West Palm Beach, Florida, eventually splitting their year between Florida and the Vineyard.

Roberta leaves her loving husband, companion, and friend of 67 years, H. Harding Brown, West Palm Beach, and Edgartown, along with her children Rande Brown, New York City;

Aron Brown(Kim), Bedford, N.H.; Robert Brown, Morristown, New Jersey; and Sharon Gamsby, West Tisbury, Massachusetts; grandchildren Mohawk and Nemo Bolin, Jay and Amanda Brown, and Turner Brown; great-grandchildren Omen and Ziggy Bolin; and her beloved sister, Marjorie Crosby, Whiting, New Jersey.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to Roberta's dedicated caregivers, Marie Jean-Francois, Gladgine (Gigi) Valbrun, and Norma Payne.

We may not see you, but you are with us. Much more than a memory, your love and care remains. We love you completely, and will miss you always.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 4, at 11:00 am:

Palms West Funeral Home

110 Business Park Way

Royal Palm Beach, FLA 33411

561-753-6004

Internment will follow

No flowers please. Memorial donations may be made to:

Trust Bridge Health, Hospice of Palm Beach County and Broward County,

5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Cemetery

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 S. State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL, 33449

Events

NOV 4	Memorial Gathering	11:00AM - 11:30AM
	Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory 110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL, US, 33411	
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Comments



“ My deepest condolences for the family. Wanted to share the hope the Bible offers for the dead. 1 Thessalonians 4:14 says "for if we have faith that Jesus died and rose again, so too God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus ".

Something we all can look forward to is seeing our dead loved ones alive again in the New World that our God will establish soon on the earth. Keeping the family in my prayers

Lori - December 31, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Brown. The Bible gives us comfort in time of sorrow and a hope. Psalms 68:20 "Jehovah the Sovereign Lord provides escape".

Sonia - October 25, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ I have known Roberta for about 30 years. I admired her tremendously from her personal style and graciousness to her down to earth views on raising her children and grandchildren. My late husband Burt and I shared many good times with Harding and Roberta and she will be a part of many happy memories from NJ, MV and FL.

Belinda Eichler

Belinda Eichler - October 21, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ My treasured long friendship with Roberta began when we co-chaired a member-guest invitational at the Edgartown Golf Course. She was one organized lady with an easy elegance and dignity I so admired. I will miss her and regret that I cannot be there with you Harding and your wonderful family at this difficult time. My deepest sympathy to all of you.
JoAnn Mettler

JoAnn Mettler - October 22, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ Loving memories of a decades long friendship...wonderful travels and laughter...Harding know my thoughts are with you and the family...
Hillie

Hilda Boyles - October 22, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ For 40+ years, essentially from first meeting in Edgartown, I've admired and adored Roberta. And my wife Olga same feelings for Roberta for nearly 25 years. JoAnn above puts wonderfully a part of what I've felt about Roberta -- "an easy elegance and dignity". And unflappable, and wise and warm counsel on so many things. And, oh, what a hostess! We'll miss Roberta greatly. May she rest in peace. We'll be with you in spirit, the whole Brown family, on Friday.

Jonny Hines & Olga Dyuzheva, Moscow

Jon Hines - November 01, 2016 at 03:22 PM