



PHYLLIS JEAN BROWN

February 25, 1926 - March 4, 2015

After celebrating her 89th birthday at home with friends and family a week earlier, Phyllis Jean Brown passed away on March 4, 2015, once again surrounded by family. Services will take place on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost, Kansas City, Mo, at 11:00 am, with burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the New Reform Temple, National Council of Jewish Women, or Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care.

Born and raised in South Bend, IN, Jean was the youngest of four children born to Louis and Bess Levy. She followed in the footsteps of her three older siblings, heading off to the University of Michigan where she met Bernard "Bud" Brown, a handsome fraternity boy from Kansas City, MO. Following Bud's graduation and discharge from the Navy, the couple married in 1946 and settled in the Kansas City area where Bud operated an automobile dealership with his father. Over the years, their family grew to include three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jean was an avid golfer, having made not one but two holes-in-one. She also enjoyed tennis, playing in her many card games, travelling, reading, cooking and entertaining. She began taking art classes in her later years and surprised herself and others with her talent. She volunteered with a number of organizations, including Menorah Medical Center, Jewish Family and Children Services, the American Cancer Society, United Way, and the PTA. Her main involvement over the years was with the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, where she served on various committees and held several offices, including President. For her many years of devoted service to NCJW, Jean was honored with the prestigious Hannah G. Solomon Award in 1985. She was also a member of the Oakwood Country Club and The New Reform Temple.

Jean was predeceased by Bud in 2013, after 67 years of marriage. She leaves her children Phil and Janelle Brown, Carol Brown, Bette and Bob Grossman, grandchildren Marisha Brown-Smith and Bill Smith, Brian Grossman, Abbey and Rudy Rosen, Carrie Grossman, Katie Braun, and great-grandchildren Cole and Caelan Smith, sister-in-law Thelma Byers, and nieces and nephew.

The family also wishes to thank the dedicated professionals and longtime housekeeper who helped with Jean's care over the last few months.

Events

MAR **Funeral** 11:00AM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

MAR **Shiva** 07:00PM

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at Phyllis' home. Please call funeral home for additional information

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Comments



“ Dear Phil, Carol, Bette & families, We are in Naples for the winter & just heard that your beloved mother passed away. Jerry & I have such fond memories of Jean & your dear father. Your mother was beautiful, elegant, compassionate, gracious...the epitome of a lady. She endeared herself to those of us fortunate to have known her. Jean will be deeply missed. May your memories comfort all of you now and always. With Love, Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov

Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov - March 15, 2015 at 04:38 PM



“ Bette and Bob, we were so saddened to hear of Jean's death. She was one of the most gracious, kind women we ever knew. She was also an incredible hostess and we were truly honored to know her. You have our deepest sympathy. We are thinking of you all. Love, Peg and Bob

Dr. Bob Briggs - March 09, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Dear Phil, Bette, Carol & families...Jerry & I are in Naples, Florida & just heard about Jean's passing. Jean was gracious, elegant, beautiful, both inside & out, caring...the epitome of a lady. I was blessed to have known her & your beloved father. Our thoughts & condolences are with you all. May her memory be for a blessing. Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov

Judy Elliott & Jerry Stolov - March 15, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ I knew Jean for a short time. From the moment we met I felt that we were kindred spirits come together to say hello again. We shared our grandchildren's wedding together (Abbey and Rudy). It was filled with warmth and love as both families had the opportunity to get to know one another. At the events around the wedding Jean and I were always seated at the same table. This gave me the opportunity to get to know her. I loved her smiling eyes and the conversations we had. I will remember Jean as one of the bright lights in the world and consider myself lucky to have known her.

Lois Libby Juster

lois libby juster - March 07, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ Dear Bette, Bob and family,
Lenny and I are so sorry about Jean. She was a lovely and kind person. We are thinking of you and wishing you peace during this difficult time.
Love, Lenny and Lisa Cohen

lisa - March 07, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ Phil,

Sending our thoughts & prayers to you & your family during this difficult time.

David Telfer
VW Marketing

david telfer - March 06, 2015 at 04:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss, Bette and family. My thoughts are with you. Robbi Spector

Robbi Spector - March 06, 2015 at 04:07 PM