



Mary Lorraine Boydston

July 3, 1935 - June 19, 2016

Mary Lorraine Brown Boydston passed away in Oklahoma City on June 19, 2016 at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 16 days.

Mary Lorraine was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma on July 3, 1935, the only child of Loren Ball Brown and Ethel Lawson Brown. She grew up in Lindsay next door to the Brown Funeral Home and Flower Shop that her mom and dad had established in 1930. Mary's childhood was busy with playmates, social activities, and occasional fishing trips to Minnesota with her parents. As a "Lindsay Leopard", Mary was an outstanding student. She was involved in many school activities and enjoyed friendships, many of which continued until her passing. She was honored to be the 1950 Lindsay FFA Sweetheart and as such, was able to attend the "Royal Livestock Show" in Kansas City with her mother, Ethel.

Following her graduation from LHS with the "Class of 53", Mary Lorraine left the joys of small town life to attend the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. While maintaining her high level of academics at OU, Mary fully participated in many of the university's social activities. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Pi Omega Pi Business Education Fraternity and Kappa Delta Pi. Mary completed a degree in Business education in 1957.

After graduation Mary Lorraine landed a job teaching business class in

Albuquerque, New Mexico where she developed a lifelong love of the arid landscape and colors. While on a visit home, Mary met the new high school science teacher by the name of Bobby Gene Boydston who had recently moved from Edmond, Oklahoma. On her 23rd birthday in 1958, Bobby Gene (Bob) would join her in a marriage that would last almost 58 years.

Back in Albuquerque, the young couple enjoyed teaching and taking their students out on excursions into the beautiful Sandia mountains. After a year in New Mexico and the birth of their first son (Bobby Gene Jr), Loren and Ethel finally convinced them to come back to Lindsay to become the new owners of Brown Funeral Home. Bob and Mary moved to Dallas, Texas for a year. While he completed mortuary school, the couple welcomed the arrival of the second son Brent. In 1961 they became partners with the Browns and began purchasing the Brown Funeral Home, a process which would take some years to complete as the couple were anticipating the arrival of their third son Toby.

Time flew by for Mary as she worked alongside Bob at the Funeral Home and raised three active sons at the same time. Mary became a licensed funeral director and was involved in most aspects of the funeral home. She ran the office, helped with memorial services and was organist for hundreds of services. Her devotion toward funeral care and the Lindsay community was lifelong, beginning with her helping her mother in the flower shop and continued until her 80th year as she used her skills in calligraphy to complete the family register books.

Mary was very active in the United Methodist Church, UMW, Band Boosters, Quarterback Club and other social and civic groups along with anything having to do with her three sons, who both she and Bob cherished.

After years of service to the Lindsay area, Mary and Bob were able to retire when their son Bobby began the process of purchasing B. G. Boydston

Funeral Home in 1995. While Bobby and his wife Miriam continued the tradition of hometown funeral service, Mary and Bob embraced a life of travel and adventure. During retirement, Mary and Bob traveled the United States and parts of Canada in their recreational vehicle. Over the span of 13 years of full time RV traveling "full timers", Mary made three trips to Alaska, saw the east coast and Nova Scotia, as well as Montana, Yellowstone, Mexico and the southwest states which she especially loved.

Even on the road, family was important and included. Trips in Alaska shared on two different occasions with two of her sons, a special trip with each grandchild and a 2 year period traveling with Ethel who loved to go as long as they were not going fishing. Trips were coordinated so Bob and Mary would be home at basketball season to cheer oldest grandson Joshua, attend dance recitals for granddaughter Kaitlin, and enjoy the Western Swing festival with youngest grandson Baxter. Mary also enjoyed girl trips with daughter-in-law Miriam if Bob and Bobby got to go fishing.

In 2009 Mary and Bob built a small house attached to the ground in the Bradley area where they could stay between shorter trips. Mary continued to enjoy time with her family and friends even though medical issues brought limitations to her and Bob's activities. "Getting old is not for sissies".

Her sweet and beautiful spirit will be treasured and remembered forever, and she will be missed beyond measure by her husband, family and friends.

Mary is survived by her beloved husband, Bob Boydston, her sons, Bobby Boydston, Jr. and wife Miriam and Brent Boydston and Tina Lynch, her grandchildren; Joshua Boydston and wife Emily, Kaitlin Boydston and Baxter Boydston, niece Kim Boydston, Angie and Dennis Yates, and cousins Truman and Adam Carl Brown.

Mary was preceded in death and met in heaven by her parents, Loren and Ethel Brown and beloved son, Toby Loren Boydston.

Funeral services for Mary L. Boydston are set for two o'clock p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, located at 114 W. Chickasaw Street in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Reverend Dennis Yates officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. Services are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ In 1982, my Business teacher (Frankie Minton) was asked by Bob and Mary Boydston if she could recommend a High School student whom she thought might be a good fit as a part-time receptionist for the Funeral Home. That someone was me. I didn't acquire experience in waiting tables or flipping burgers like many kids my age. I learned about empathy, respect and professionalism. I was believed in and treated like family. The lessons I learned all those years ago have always remained with me, as they were a foundation solidified by a family who put their belief and trust in a kid. My deepest sympathies family Boydston. Mary was a Gem.

Sherrie Smith - June 25, 2016 at 09:48 PM

EM

“ Bob, Bobby, Brent; I am so very sorry to see that Mary has passed. She was a very special person to all who knew her. May you be comforted by your many memories of time with her.

Ed Moore - June 24, 2016 at 02:53 PM

LG

“ My heart is sad that I will no longer be graced by Mary's occasional visits to the funeral home. That is where I got to know Mary when she would bring me her beautiful calligraphy work on the families' register pages. She had a quiet and sweet spirit and a very appreciative nature about her for any little thing I might do for her, and I will miss her. To Bob, my prayers and thoughts will be with you as I know that the changes brought by the loss of your sweet Mary will be difficult, and I will pray that God gives you His strength, peace and comfort. To Bobby and Brent and the rest of the family: May God give you comfort in the memories you hold and strength in knowing that Mary is with the Lord and will see you again one day.

Lila Gossett - June 24, 2016 at 11:09 AM

MM

“ *With deepest condolences. May God give your family strength.*

Michael McGuire - June 23, 2016 at 08:47 PM

JJ

“ *We send our sympathy to the family at the loss of your sweet Mary.*

Janet and Ron Janousek - June 23, 2016 at 02:22 PM

TG

“ *Bob, Brent, Bobby, Miriam and Families. Please Accept our Sincere Condolences in The Loss Of Your Beloved Family Member. We Each Have Fond Memories of Mary. Our Family has Been Touched Many Times By Her Loving Kindness. I know She Will Truly be Missed. The Gordon's Oglene, Terry, Lori, Tony, Renee, and Our Families.*

Terry Gordon - June 22, 2016 at 04:28 PM

GF

“ *Bob, Bobby and Brent and Wives: I'm grieved by your loss. Mary and Bob have been such an integral part of caring for the berieved families in their community for so many years. I'd say they certainly paid it forward in this regard. May you all find the same comfort you have extended others for so many years. God bless you all! Glen*

Glen Fox - June 22, 2016 at 01:37 PM

SA

“ *I am sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a very sweet woman. I enjoyed seeing her and Bobs smiling faces. My prayers are with the family.*

Shannon Avery - June 22, 2016 at 10:18 AM

PP

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort at this sad time.

PJ Phillips - June 22, 2016 at 09:26 AM

CC

“ So sorry about your loss. Mary was a great inspiration to so many of us. She will be missed!

Carla Simmons Calhoun - June 21, 2016 at 11:58 AM

NM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was such a sweet and caring person. It was through her calm and caring demeanor that I began to understand and not be so fearful of death and dying. She and Bob were such an important part of Lindsay life. I send my love to Bob and to Bobby & Miriam and others in the family.

Neosha Watterman Mackey - June 20, 2016 at 07:29 PM

CM

“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of Mary. She was a sweet lady that I had the privilege to know. May the Lord surround you with his love and comfort.

Carolyn Malena-Franklin - June 20, 2016 at 06:13 PM

GS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We just pray that Jesus will see you through and prepare you for your eventual reunion.. We pray Jesus will comfort you and lift you into his healing arms, my friends. We pray for a wonderful uplifting service for Mary and for consolation in Christ for each of you

Gary & Lu Stephens - June 20, 2016 at 05:41 PM

DK

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

Darla King - June 20, 2016 at 12:53 PM

LU

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to all the family! God has another beautiful, loving, caring angel in heaven to watch over you and comfort you! May God bless all of you!*

Loretta Ummel - June 20, 2016 at 10:54 AM