



Hope Buxton Brown

June 6, 1920 - August 1, 2013

Hope Buxton Brown, 93, daughter of Aylsworth and Blanch Buxton Brown, passed away on August 1, 2013 of natural causes in Santa Barbara, California.

Hope was born June 6, 1920 in Providence, Rhode Island. She was the second oldest of four siblings, and outlived them all. She had strong ties to Prudence Island in the Narragansett Bay and was named for Hope Island, which lies just west of Prudence. Her great grandfather, Hiram B. Aylsworth, at one time owned the island. Hope spent most of her summers on Prudence Island, living on East Manning Street in Providence during the rest of the year. In her later years. Hope made a significant contribution to the Prudence Island community by donating the funds for the creation of the Hope Brown Community Center on the Farnham Farm property.

Hope graduated from Pembroke and was a member of the theater group. She loved theater and literature and carried a masters degree in library science from Simmons College. She was also an active member of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

In 1975, she retired to Santa Barbara to be near her brother, Arthur L. Brown, and her other siblings. Hope was a resident for nearly 40 years of the Samarkand Retirement Community. Family and her heritage were a source of pride for Hope. Hope was a very private person, perhaps because of her life-long struggle with bipolar disorder.

Hope's incredible sense of humor, brilliance and command of the English

language will be missed. We know she will be showing off her "gorgeous gams" in her gold shoes to all she will meet!

With appreciation we acknowledge the friendship, love and great care given to Hope by Romani Reavley, Norma Kyler and dear friend Lorie Bartron

.A memorial service will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Samarkand Chapel located at 2550 Treasure Drive, Santa Barbara. Memorial contributions may be made to the Prudence Conservancy, PO Box 115, Prudence Island, RI 02872.