



Mary Garrett Brown

December 12, 1924 - January 23, 2021

Mary Garrett Brown (Mert) entered into Heaven to be with her beloved husband Jacob in the early morning hours of January 23, 2021. Mert was surrounded by the love, thoughts, and prayers of her family and friends at the time of her passing. Mary was 96 years young and resided at Spring Arbor Assisted Living of Leesburg Virginia.

Mary was born to Elwood Hoops Garrett and Hannah Darlington Levis Garrett and grew up in Swarthmore Pennsylvania. Mary graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Allied Medicine with a degree in occupational therapy. Mary married Jacob Embree Brown Sr (Jake), a US Naval aviator and senior Avon executive. They were married for 49 years at the time of his passing in 1997. Mary and Jacob settled in Newark Delaware where she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Mary is survived by her three children, Deborah Brown Roach of Florida, Jacob Embree Brown Jr. of California, and Rebecca Brown Bruno of Virginia, and her grandson Jacob Garrett Bruno.

Mary had unlimited energy, in addition to working at the Delaware Curative Workshop she loved participating in and watching sports, raising three children (as well as the neighborhood kids), loving her Golden Retrievers, power walks around the neighborhood, sailing the Delaware River and Chesapeake Bay, antiquing, gardening, knitting and needlepoint, playing Bridge, traveling, baking, her neighbors, her Quaker faith and Friends meeting, and volunteer work.

Mary served as a guide at the Winterthur Museum, delivered Meals-On-Wheels (she finally stopped because “everyone I deliver meals to is younger than I am”), a reading tutor at the West Park Elementary School, as an Overseer at the Wilmington Friends Meeting and as a board member to develop the new Newark Senior Center. She was also very active with the arthritis foundation for many years.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary Brown’s life will be held at the Spencer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place Newark Delaware with the date to be determined

(due to the Corona-19 Virus). Mary will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband Jacob at the Hockessin Friends Meeting.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Parkinson's or Alzheimer's foundations of America.

Comments



“ Mert Brown! What a lady! One of 4 mrs Browns on Apple Road but unique as well! Taught me how to raise dogs, how to be 'neighborly' and how to be generous with her home as she acted as my surrogate mother when I returned home from college one summer and my house was rented out as my parents went on sabbatical!! Thank you for everything! Enjoy seeing Jake and my Mom and dad up 'there'! Congrats to you Mert for making it past the election so you could help make our country stronger!! Doug Hutchinson

doug hutchinson - March 31 at 09:53 PM



“ Becky, I am so sorry to hear of your dear Mom's passing. Your Mom was such a special person and I can still see her power walking her dogs and hear her sweet voice. Your parents were a big part of making Apple Road the special place it was. Sending hugs to the entire family.
Anne Hutchinson Clites

Anne H Clites - March 30 at 10:32 AM



“ My wife, daughters and I were all saddened to hear of Mrs. Brown's passing. She was a happy, outgoing soul who always had a kind word and took the time to talk to my girls whenever she saw them. We were blessed to have her as a part of our lives for so many years.

Dave Hill - March 03 at 04:24 AM



“ I feel blessed to have met Mary and to be with her the last few weeks of her life. She was still quite spunky, even with a broken hip. She was up early and ready to go. May her memory continue to bring joy for the family. Bambi Bryant, Speech Therapist at Heritage Hall

Bambi Bryant - January 29 at 01:17 PM