



Lois Brown died on May 21, 2024, at Colonial Vista, surrounded by family: David, Debbie, Sasha and Sonia.

Lois was born in her maternal grandmother's home in Barnesville, MN, Nov 6, 1933. Her family moved quite often, thus Lois attended 13 schools in 12 years. The family moved to the Philippines shortly after WWII where she attended high school.

Her family was the first American family to arrive in the aftermath of that horrific war. The experience of being exposed face to face with the results of war was indeed eye-opening.

On one of the family vacations to the United States, she met David at his church in Fergus Falls MN. After returning to the United States, she graduated from high school in Minneapolis, MN. David and Lois were married, in the church where they met, on Dec. 22, 1951.

After their marriage, Dave attended Seminary at Yankton School of Theology and Lois worked at radio station, WNAX. They moved to Wakonda, SD, where Dave preached and was ordained. Their 3 children were born during these years. The family moved to Berkley, CA, to Ree Heights, SD, and then to Huron, SD. During those years Lois spent her time as mother, homemaker, student, and "preacher's wife".

Lois began taking college courses at Huron College when the children were all in school. It took 9 years, but she graduated with honors in June of 1969.

She began her teaching career at a country school 18 miles north of Huron. There were 8 children in grades 1st through 8th. This was an enriching and also a challenging experience.

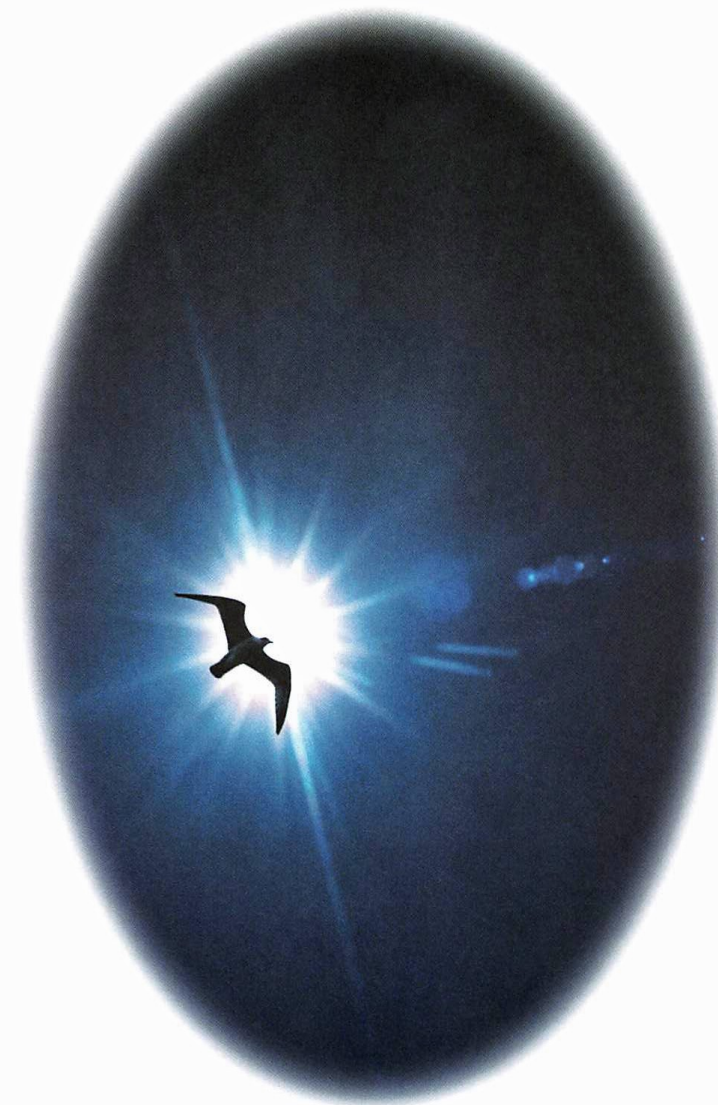
After 5 years the family moved to Ortonville, MN, where Lois taught in a fully main-streamed first grade classroom for another 5 years.

Dave and Lois moved to E. Wenatchee, WA, in 1975 where she taught kindergarten and first grade classes at Lee and Kenroy Schools. During these years she also mentored a number of student teachers. She and David both retired in 1996. After retirement they travelled extensively in their motor home throughout the United States until 2012.

She had been active at Sunnyslope Church where she served on many Boards and committees. Lois also taught the children at Sunnyslope for many years. She was a Hospice Volunteer, and a reader for visually handicapped persons with Samara's Readers.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Rev. David J. Brown, of E. Wenatchee; her children: Lynn Thomas of Ortonville, MN; Debbie and Samir Sleiman of E. Wenatchee; and Mike and Lisa Brown of Spokane, WA; her sisters: Nita (Bill) Whyte and Joy (Bob) Hartsock. In addition, she is survived by grandchildren: James (Stacy) and John (Kelsey) Thomas, Sasha and Sonia Sleiman, Amanda (Ron Melligan) Brown, David (Marika) and Mathew (Sarah) Brown; great-grandchildren: Finnegan, Korrigan and MacKeegan Thomas; Tucker and Shelby Thomas; Henley and Millie Brown.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents: Ethel and Harvey Halvorson; her brother, Jim (Steve) Halvorson; and son-in-law, Ron Thomas.



Going Home...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lois Marlene Brown

WHO WAS BORN

November 6, 1933 - Barnsville, Minnesota

CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

May 21, 2024 - E. Wenatchee, Washington

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, June 22, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

The Sunnyslope Church: Church of The Brethren
and United Church of Christ
Wenatchee, Washington

OFFICIANTS

Ben Green | Carol Bowman

PIANIST

Susie Schell-Dietz

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shepherd Me O God"
Merry Titus, Vocalist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Here I Am Lord"
"I Will Raise You Up"

READER

Lynn Brown Thomas

USHERS

Ed and Mary Katherine Deen

INURNMENT

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery
E. Wenatchee, Washington

APPRECIATION

Lois's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Never are we more aware of how much our friends and family mean than at the time of our sadness.

Thank you for sharing our grief.



*A mother holds her
children's hands for awhile...
their hearts forever.*



The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever.*

- Psalm 23