



Catherine Jean Brown (Kay), 78, passed away June 11, 2007, in Bozeman, Montana. She was born June 27, 1928, in Janesville, Wisconsin, to Catherine (Jones) Porter and George Porter.

Kay graduated from the University of Wisconsin- LaCrosse with a degree in Physical Education. Her first teaching job was in Harlowton, Montana, where she taught for 2 years. During that time, Kay met her husband, Harold Emory Brown. Harold caught her eye driving a 1950 yellow Studebaker Champion convertible. They were married on Christmas Day, December 25, 1951. Harlowton didn't allow women school teachers to be married so Kay lost her teaching contract. When Kay was given a teaching contract as a Physical Education teacher in Bozeman, Harold sold his Studebaker dealership in Harlowton and they moved to Bozeman where they have lived ever since. Kay taught P.E. 31 years at the Bozeman Middle School.

Kay was an avid bowler committing her time and talents to numerous bowling organizations. She bowled in 25 Women's International Bowling Congress championship tournaments and at least 45 Montana Women Bowling Association tournaments. Her life long friends made through bowling were a treasure to her.

Kay combined her passion for bowling with her love of youth by volunteering for over 25 years with the Youth American Bowling Alliance (YABA). At one time she was coaching 4 youth bowling leagues a week. She was inducted into the Montana YABA Hall of Fame in 1990. Kay felt that her volunteer hours at both the state and local level with youth in bowling were important because they were the future men and women bowlers. She was recently inducted into the Gallatin USBC Association's Hall of Fame as one of the first inductees for the Youth Hall of Fame.

Numerous other organizations were a large part of her life. Kay especially enjoyed continued involvement with the Retired Teachers Association, Gallatin Good Sam's Club, and Mended Hearts.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother, David Porter. She is survived by her sister Helen (Harold) Jennings of McFarland, Wisconsin and her sister Margaret (Jon) Anderson of Billings, Montana, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at 11:00 AM. Private family interment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park. A reception will follow at the Bozeman Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Kay Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o of First Security Bank, PO Box 910, Bozeman, Montana, 59771.