



On January 27, 2010, after 30 years apart, June Brown May was reunited with the love of her life, Joe. She was 89 years old. June was born November 8, 1920 in Sherwood, North Dakota to Clarence and Mabel Brown. She received her schooling in North Dakota and Montana. While attending two of her high school years in Havre, Montana, June met her future husband, Joseph J. May. Their paths crossed again several years later and they were united in marriage in 1943. Joe preceded her in death in 1980.

During WWII, Joe served as a bomber pilot for the Army Air Corp while June worked at the Boeing plant in Seattle where they manufactured B-17s for the military. After the war, they moved to Whitefish, MT where they owned and operated the Whitefish Bowling Alley. Their children, Jody and JanDee were born in Whitefish. The family moved to Bozeman in 1956 for Joe to attend graduate school at Montana State University which led to a career in the MSU Alumni Office.

June attended MSU, graduating with honors in 1963. After graduation, she taught first and second grade at Whittier Elementary for 29 years and often said how she loved every day of teaching. Whether grocery shopping, at a Bobcat game or anywhere else in town, inevitably a 12-50 year old "second grader" would come up to Mom and say, "Hi Mrs. May, do you remember me?" And she always did, if not by name, always by "the eyes" as she would say. In addition to teaching, June loved to play the piano, read, garden, golf, watch sports, and collect antiques.

June is survived by: her son, Jody, his wife, Cyndi, and their children, Joe and Amy of Bozeman; her daughter, JanDee, her husband, Dan Fraser, and their children, Tessa, Lena, and Alexandra of Helena; her sister, Patricia Bell and brother-in-law, Langdon of Glendive; and her brother, Eugene Brown of Sarasota, California.

June was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church. June's family wishes to thank the Birchwood staff for their tireless efforts in providing June with unconditional loving care during her five-year stay. Similarly, thanks are given to the Bozeman Deaconess Hospice staff for their care and compassion during the last few months of her life.

A family graveside service is planned for this summer. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Joe May Scholarship of M.S.U..