



Polly Brown

October 13, 1928 - April 22, 2022

Pollyanna (Polly) Bridgewater Rhyneearson Brown, 93, passed away on April 22, 2022 at her Rushville, Indiana home. She was born on October 13, 1928 in Sellersburg, IN to the late Roy and Helena (Haas) Bridgewater. Polly was a graduate of Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, IN. She graduated from Ball State University in 1953 and later earned two master's degrees. Polly married Hal Rhyneearson in 1950, and they had three children. They were divorced in 1970. She was active as a leader for both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

In 1990, Polly married JR Brown. They lived on a farm outside Rushville. Together, they lived a busy life traveling and attending many Purdue University sporting events.

Polly brought the joy of learning to 1st graders as a teacher in Knightstown, IN for over 35 years. She enjoyed a vibrant and active life, regularly playing bridge with friends, participating in the Retired Teachers Association and local home economics club, and attending Rushville's St. Paul United Methodist Church. She traveled through all 50 states of the USA and much of Europe during the course of her life.

Polly was a longtime patron of the fine arts. She enjoyed attending performances by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and seeing plays at the Indiana Repertory Theater and Clowes Hall. She was also a talented ballroom dancer, winning numerous ribbons and trophies.

Polly is survived by her daughter, Diane R. Dunham of Rushville; brother, Ted

Bridgewater of Louisville, KY; grandsons, David (Karen) Dunham of Fairmount, IN and Robert Rhyneanson of Ingalls, IN; and two great-grandchildren, Basil and Sophia Dunham of Fairmount, IN.

Polly was preceded in death by her husband JR Brown, sons Richard and James "Jim" Rhyneanson, and brother Larry Bridgewater.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Moster Mortuary, Rushville, with Pastor Lonnie Goen presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family on Tuesday evening, April 26, 2022 between 4 PM-8PM at the mortuary. Burial will be held at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery at 2PM. Memorial contributions may be made out to St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
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Funeral

APR **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Polly Brown*



Moster Mortuary - April 27, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Polly Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Both of my daughters had Mrs. Brown in first grade. She was a wonderful teacher and gave them such a great start for their school years. She was a blessing. Prayers to the family.*

Janet Silver

Janet Silver - April 27, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Polly Brown.*



April 25, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Polly Brown.*



April 25, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Polly came into my life when she married my Uncle J.R. There are so many fond memories of Aunt Polly and Uncle J.R at Bethany Beach over the years. Her enthusiasm, her kindness and caring spirit touched my entire family. Remembering her makes me smile.*

Lucy Peterkin

Lucy Peterkin - April 25, 2022 at 06:28 PM



Polly had our son Brad Fruth in 1st grade at Knightstown Elementary. She was so good to him! He attended Purdue University and was a member of the All American Marching Band. She would make sure to find him and greet him at events that he played at. He tells the story of marching at a bowl game in Florida and having her wave at him. The other kids in his section learned to look for Polly, Brad's 1st grade teacher. She was one of our favorites.

Stephanie Fruth - April 26, 2022 at 07:25 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



David Dunham - April 25, 2022 at 05:55 PM

David Dunham

“ *David Dunham lit a candle in memory of Polly Brown*



David Dunham - April 25, 2022 at 05:44 PM

AS

“ *Polly was a lovely lady. So glad we shared time together on our covered bridge tour. God bless you. Love, Astrid and Rock*

Astrid - April 25, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Polly Brown.*



April 25, 2022 at 02:42 PM

LB

“ *I was Mrs Rhynearson's student aid when I was a senior, about 36 years ago. She was just wonderful with the children. I learned so much from her. I had the opportunity to see her often at a local restaurant where I worked as a hostess. She remembered me and we shared memories of Knightstown "back in the day". A kind, sweet, woman whom I know will be greatly missed.*

Lisa B - April 25, 2022 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ I had the privilege of working with Polly for eleven years as a teacher's aide. Our friendship grew and I am so thankful for our time together. Polly loved life and I think she loved it more when Tammy and I introduced she and J.R.Brown. It was wonderful to see how happy they were together. I send hugs to her family and I thank God for sharing her with me.. A friend that grew into family is my Polly.
Janice Schaeffer

Janice Schaeffer - April 25, 2022 at 12:11 AM

LK

“ Polly was one of the first teachers I taught with when I was hired to teach first grade at Knightstown. She was a good friend and a wonderful mentor. (and an accomplished belly dancer but I digress) I remember how thrilled she was to become a grandmother! That is a long ago story.]
My condolences to you all.

Linda King

Linda King - April 24, 2022 at 07:09 PM