Martha Ann Taylor Bartter, 80, died June 18, 2013. Funeral services were held June 23 at Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home in Kirksville, Mo. Her ashes will be buried in Hazelwood Cemetery here, where her first husband Robert Bradley Bartter is interred, at a future date. Memorials may be made to Running Strong for American Indian.

Martha was born in Oakland, Calif., on Dec. 16, 1932, the daughter of Lewis and Ethel Taylor. She earned a PhD from the University of Rochester, and taught at the University of Rochester, Ohio State University at Marion, and at Truman State University. She twice toured Europe with the Rochester Oratorio Society.

She also wrote science fiction and had works published in several magazines, and served as treasurer for a National Science Fiction convention. She was a member of Mensa, and also collaborated with her second husband in the exploration of theoretical general semantics.

She is survived by her second husband C. Andrew Hilgartner; her children Carol Lowry, Brad Bartter, Barbara Bartter and Kenneth Bartter; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Robert Bradley Bartter.