

Lois M. Brownell, 88

(F. R.)

Lois Mildred (Hargrave) Brownell, 88, of Montezuma died at Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center July 30.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, where the family will be present from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday, August 7 at the funeral home in Montezuma.

Following cremation, interment will be at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

The daughter of James Alfred "Al" Hargrave and Irma Georgiana (Royce) Hargrave, Lois was born on the family farm in August 1909. She attended country school and high school in Montezuma.

She graduated *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Iowa in 1930 with a degree in English education.

She taught English in Clearfield and Elliott Schools before marriage. F. R. "Bob" Brownell and Lois Mildred Hargrave eloped to Indiana on June 12, 1934 and moved to Minnesota to oper-

ate a fishing resort.

She and Bob returned to Montezuma to build and open the Shell Gas Station in 1936 and the Maid Rite Cafe in 1938.

Although primarily a mother and housewife, Lois was active in Mothers Club, Ken Club, P.E.O., Cub Scouts, Martha's Circle, the Montezuma Methodist Church, Eastern Star and she was chairwoman of the Library Board for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, George Hargrave and her husband, F.R. Brownell II.

Lois is survived by her daughter, Diana Lewiston of Palo Alto, Calif. and her children David Lewiston and partner Wendy Kaler of San Diego, James Lewiston and partner Shanta Roberts of Ashland, Ore. and Pamela Lewiston and husband Jim Grace of Sacramento; her son, Frank Brownell and his wife Nancy of Montezuma and their children, Robert, his wife Jolene and their son Alex of Montezuma; Peter Brownell and fiancé Helen Redmond of Grinnell and Matthew of Aurora, Colo; her daughter Lynne Boysen, husband Andrew of Cedar Rapids and their children Martha Boysen of Iowa City and Dr. Andrew Boysen, his wife Caroline and their children Emily, Noah and Adeline of Newmarket, New Hampshire and a sister, Marjorie Hargrave of Shabbona, Ill.

Memorials may be made in Lois' honor to the Montezuma Public Library.



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