



## Elaine R. Brown

January 9, 2013

Elaine R. Brown of Athens, GA died on January 9, 2013, at the age of 93. She was born in Hornell, NY to Earl Richtmyer and Hazel Kreason Richtmyer. She grew up during the depression helping on her grandparents' farm and in the family grocery store, Richtmyer's Food Mart. Elaine graduated from Alfred University in 1939 with a degree in Business and worked for the Erie Railroad until 1942. At Alfred, she met Robert H. Brown who had come to teach and study for an engineering degree. They were married in 1942 and traveled the country while Bob served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. She and Bob moved to Athens, GA in 1948. The Browns were members of Athens First United Methodist Church where Elaine served as President of the UMW on two different occasions, sang in the choir and served on the Administrative Board. She also served her community as Regent of the Elijah Clark Chapter of the DAR, President of the University Women's Club and member of Kiwanis. She believed in staying active and was still attending yoga and Jazzercise classes and mowing her three-acre lawn into her 90's. Elaine was not famous in the worldly sense thru career or financial portfolio. She was famous in the spiritual way for her love and care for other people. She filled her days helping her husband, family, church and community friends as well as strangers. Her smile showed that she loved others without judgment or condition. Mrs. Brown is preceded in death by her husband, Bob, her parents, Earl and Hazel Richtmyer, her sisters Velma Richtmyer and Rene Robinson, and her brother Bill Richtmyer. She is survived by her three children, Rev. Mari

Lane Brooks of Gainesville, GA; son, Wendell Brown of Arlington, VA; and her daughter Becky Tolbert of Marietta, GA; daughter in law, Alice Brown and son in law Fred Tolbert. She has seven grandchildren, Patrick Craig, and wife Karen, Katy Daniels and husband Jeff Daniels, Jeff Brown, Greg Brown and wife Becky, Sharon Brown, Anna Tolbert and Claire Tolbert. She has one great grandchild, Benjamin Daniels. A Memorial service will be held at Athens First United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2013. The family will greet guests at a reception afterwards in the church fellowship hall. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers are requested for Dr. Robert H. Brown Scholarship Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine R. Brown*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Marilane, Wendell, Becky and families, Our community has lost a truly genuine transplanted Lady who loved, supported, and advocated for many worthwhile causes as well as individuals for decades in the Oconee/Clarke County area. Always upbeat, smiling, complimentary, helpful and ALWAYS on the go ! I always enjoyed our conversations, catching up on all of you, and her way of just being delightful- she will be missed by many, many whose lives she touched and were drawn to her. May God's healing, and grace be with you through your grief, and may each of you find Peace through Him.*

JOY T. ELDER - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Elaine and Bob Brown were committed to improving opportunities for young people from all walks of life. Elaine always had a big smile and words of encouragement. Bob smiled alot as well but always let it be known that he expected the very best from his students and colleagues. Crossing paths with Elaine and Bob expanded my horizons and opened doors for me. We need more people like Elaine and Bob to help make the world a better place. May they rest in peace.*

Cecil Hammond - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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*Ms. Elaine became my job three years ago, but over those three years she became much more than just a job. She became my best friend. She was a lady that taught me so much about life. She never gave up on living, even when living became hard and she couldn't remember how to do it like she used to. She always had a smile on her face and even though her memory failed on daily activities she would always remember the important things like my daughters and grandchildren. She loved life and said "life is life only if you are living, and if you are not living in that life then it's not living." I will never forget my little lady and the lesson she taught me- no matter how old you get life is just as important tomorrow as it was yesterday. I have lots of memories to hold, in my heart she will live on forever.*

*With love,  
Debra*

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**Debra Martin** - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It was my pleasure to have known Elaine from exercise classes at the WYCO and later in the UWC Gourmet Group. She was such a role model and was one of the most positive people I have ever know. So much fun to be with! She kept up with times. I admired her computer skills. She maintained such an interest in what was happening in the world and with all her friends. She is missed.*

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**Nelle Shehane** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a Jazzercise friend of Elaine's, I wish to express my sympathy to the family. Elaine was such a role model to me. I couldn't believe she was still attending Jazzercise classes into her 90's and told her how much I admired her. She replied, "Don't ever stop exercising!" Elaine was such a kind, sweet woman, and always smiling. What a precious person, who will be remembered by so many.*

*~Marilee Freshley*

*Watkinsville*

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**Marilee** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM