



Anita Whitmore Brown

July 8, 1929 - January 7, 2022

Anita Whitmore Brown passed away on January 7, 2022 in Tallahassee, Florida at the age of 92. Mrs. Brown's life was a celebration of the human spirit.

Mrs. Brown was born in Winter Park, Florida to Albra Hiram Whitmore and Florence Anita Edris Whitmore on July 8, 1929. She attended Rollins College, Stetson University, and graduated from the University of Florida. Mrs. Brown married Eadward M Brown in Gainesville, Florida where she bore their first child, Catherine. Her sons, Arthur and Thomas, were born in Fort Myers, Florida.

Mrs. Brown was a schoolteacher, cattle farmer, avid volunteer, mother, and wife. She lived in Winter Park, Fort Myers, Alva, Live Oak, Lake City, and Tallahassee. Through her life, Mrs. Brown was active in 4-H, the Florida Cattleman's Association, Florida Angus Association (of which she was the first woman director to serve on the board), the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. She was a supporter of the Arts and Natural History throughout her life. Ms. Brown was a member and active supporter of the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida.

Mrs. Brown is pre-deceased by her husband Eadward; brothers Charles and Theodore; sisters Lois and Dorothy; daughter Catherine, son Arthur, son-in-law William, II; and grandson William, III.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her son Thomas; granddaughters Mary Catherine,

Muireall, and Ceana; her granddaughter-in-law Sarah; her great-grandson Arlo, and her great-granddaughters, Catherine (Katie) and Catherine (Lit'l Cat).

A grave-side service will be held at 2:30 PM, Friday, January, 14, 2022 at Forest Meadows Cemetery, 3700 Southeast Hawthorne Road, Gainesville, Florida. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Brown family with their arrangements.

Donations to the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville in her honor are appreciated. You may make your donation at https://www.uff.ufl.edu/give-now/?fund_id=008465 If paying by check, please make your check payable to The University of Florida Foundation and reference the VP General Research Fund in the memo line. Mail the check to:

Development

Florida Museum

P.O. 11270

Gainesville, Florida 32611

Cemetery Details

Forest Meadows-East Cemetery

3700 SE Hawthorne Road
Gainesville, FL 32641

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AV

“ I fondly cherish all the Thanksgivings hosted at Anita's home in Lake City. Beautiful memories of family and friends Gathering. Tom, I am sorry for your loss, my prayers for you and the family.

Audrey Vowell - January 08, 2022 at 07:57 PM

TB

Thank you Audrey, those Thanksgivings, and all the family and friends that gathered, were very special to mom.

Thomas Brown - January 09, 2022 at 06:52 AM

BB

“ Anita was one of the most unselfish, fun-loving friends I have had the privilege of knowing. A well informed person, she represented the wheels of action in every legacy organization in which we shared memberships As a close friend, I will miss her immensely.

Betsy Burch - January 08, 2022 at 05:09 PM

TB

Thank you Ms. Burch.

Thomas Brown - January 08, 2022 at 05:46 PM

SB

Anita was the ultimate hostess. She served as my Hospitality Chairman when I was State Regent and did we ever have a good time. She invited me to her home when I was traveling. I always felt safe knowing if I could not make it home, I could stay with Anita. I have so many sweet and fun memories of her. I know the past few years have been difficult but she is at peace now. Love you, Anita. Sue C. Bratton

Sue C Bratton - January 08, 2022 at 06:47 PM

JM

Anita was my corresponding Secretary, friend and traveling companion when I was State Regent, Florida DAR. Together, we traveled 75,000 in her car or mine from Key West to the mountains of North Carolina. Her home was always open for meetings, teas or simply an overnight stay. I will always remember her as the Hostess with the Mostest! This incredible lady will be missed by all who knew her.

Jen Mann

Jean Mann - January 08, 2022 at 06:57 PM

TB

Thank you Ms. Bratton and Ms. Mann for you kind words. Mom loved the Daughters of the American Revolution and the many friends she made through the organization. If there was a DAR road trip, she was first to volunteer to drive.

Thomas Brown - January 09, 2022 at 06:59 AM