



Mary Lingard "Lin" Martin Brown

March 13, 1924 - January 31, 2016

For 91 years Mary Lingard Martin Brown enjoyed a wonderful life of adventure, discovery, love of nature and dedicated service to her friends, family and community. Life for her began on March 13, 1924 in Montgomery, Alabama as the daughter of the late Reese and Mary Roquemore Martin. Her father worked in a local store and her grandmother was an Irish immigrant, having been born in Cork. Mary Lingard soon came to be known simply as Lin, the name that would follow her all through her life. She graduated from Sidney Lanier High School and was awarded the "Good Citizenship Girl" honor. She was also the editor of Lanier's newspaper "The Oracle". It was only natural that she would attend The University of Alabama and major in journalism and achieve a bachelor's degree. After college, she accepted an executive position with the Girl Scouts in Gastonia, North Carolina. When a similar opportunity presented itself closer to home she took the same position with The Pine Valley Girl Scout Council in Newnan. She became roommates with a number of young professional women in Newnan at the time in a home in The College Temple Historic District. It was after moving to Newnan that she became acquainted with a gentleman neighbor through the First United Methodist church. His family owned and operated a thriving greenhouse on their property down the street from her apartment that specialized in African Violets. On September 2, 1951 they were married and shared 37 years together. Lin loved her work in Girl Scouts and the opportunity to be a positive force in the lives of so many young girls. After her retirement, she and her

best friend Betty Boylston saw a real need in the community for a resource for families who were having difficulty in obtaining supplies and medical equipment to allow them to help their aging relatives maintain their independence and deal with their physical limitations. Thus was born Smart Solutions Medical Equipment Supply Store in downtown. It soon evolved into a one stop shop for anyone dealing with geriatric care. There was another side of Lin that was mesmerized by the call of nature. She loved fishing and relished the days she spent with her granddaughter Lauren as she taught her the many facets of the great outdoors. On the days she could not be outdoors, nothing suited Lin as much as a good book to read and she devoured them voraciously. Her community service included her beloved Pilot Club, which she served as President, The Relay for Life and Chi Omega Fraternity. Her faith found its resting place in Newnan Presbyterian Church. Lin was predeceased by her husband Bobby in 1988. She is survived by her daughters Margaret P. Brown and Anne Brown Bell. She loved her role as grandmother to her only grandchild, Lauren. She is also survived by her lifelong friend and business partner Betty Boylston. The life that Lin enjoyed so very much will be lovingly remembered in a service on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. The Brown family expresses sincere thanks for the wonderful care provided to Lin and her family by Lavender Meadows and also Gentiva Hospice. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that those who so desire may honor Lin's memory by a gift in her name to either The Pink Posse www.pinkposseofga.com, a group dedicated to providing for local breast cancer patients, or to The Angels House P.O. Box 657 Newnan, GA 30264. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Ann and Family, I am sad for you all to hear of your mother's passing. I pray our Father's comfort and peace to you.*
Barbara Bell Worsham & Family



Barbara Bell Worsham - March 02, 2016 at 01:31 PM

NO

“ *I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. I have so many memories of her and my Mom working together for the Girl Scouts. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you and Margaret!*

Natalie Jenkins Overman

natalie overman - February 04, 2016 at 08:48 AM



“ *Anne,*
Sorry to hear about your Mom. It has been years since I've seen her but will always remember her. Speak her name often to keep the memories alive. Will be praying for you and your family.

Angela Smith Alexander

Angela Alexander - February 03, 2016 at 07:51 PM

DM

“ I vividly remember working a long side Lin when she and Betty had the Holly Pond Christmas tree farm. It was a hot summer day and we were out cutting and shaping the Christmas trees. Lin was wearing one of those summer hats installed with a mini fan on the topside and she wore a net to cover her face from the bugs. We both took a brake under the shade and she gave me water and she drank her bottled water. As she attempted to drink, the water kept on spilling down onto her shirt. Only then did she realize she couldn't drink properly because the net was in the way, she said "well no wonder" and she proceeded to take the bug net off. We laughed about it and I said "feels cooler on the shirt anyways right Lin" to which she replied "sure does".
I want to attend tomorrow but circumstances make this trip not possible. I would like to forward my heart felt condolences to the Martin Brown family and friends.
- Danny Milner (Betty Boylston's nephew)
Ottawa, Canada

Daniel Milner - February 03, 2016 at 01:03 PM

TD

“ Sending hugs and prayers. Theresa Davis and the Temple Avenue Branch

Theresa Davis - February 03, 2016 at 11:12 AM

FF

“ My prayers are with the remaining family.
Frank Farmer

FRANK FARMER - February 03, 2016 at 08:45 AM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Anne and Family!*

Love Carolyn and Mike Sears



Carolyn Sears - February 02, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lingard "Lin" Martin Brown.*



February 02, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DI

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I know she will be greatly missed. I am honored to have had the pleasure of working with her for many years she always greeted me with a smile.*

Dana Ingram - February 02, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - February 02, 2016 at 08:33 AM

KH

“ *Karen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mary Lingard "Lin" Martin Brown*



Karen Hubbard - February 01, 2016 at 03:46 PM

KH

Lauren and Family I am so sorry for your loss of Mrs Brown she was always nice and caring when I went into Smart Solutions or see her out around town.

Karen Hubbard - February 01, 2016 at 03:48 PM

LD

So sorry to hear about Lin. She was always so nice to me as I would go into Smart Solutions. Blessings to her family. Linda Denney

Linda Denney - February 02, 2016 at 12:39 PM

FB

When I think of Lin two words come to mind: kindness" and "strength". Despite various physical problems Lin was always ready to lend a hand - both in the literal sense of the word and in the figurative. I remember some years back an occassion when Lin was putting some items into a customer's car who told Lin, "Thank you, I am almost 70 and you don't know how hard it is when you get as old as I am". Lin just smiled and did not reply that she herself was well into her 80's and had recovered from strokes, cancer and had diabetes That was LIn -- nothing could really count her out. In the last years when things were more difficult for her and she was unable to continue regular work at Smart Solutions she tried to be useful -- whether it was opening the business envelopes and taking care of dishes. Even though sometimes life presented difficulties Lin never became angry or dejected -- she just got on with things in her own strong and kind way, and her own unique way of expressing things and that characteristic quick wit that marked her for most of her life.

*Frances Boylston
Montreal & Dominican Republic*

Frances Boylston - February 03, 2016 at 10:39 AM


Tiffany
Wright

On behalf of our President Mr. Larry Wright and Lavender Meadows family we express our condolences to the Brown family during your lost Mrs. Brown sweet spirit will forever live on through our family and she will truly be missed by us all. ANNE, MARGARET and BETTY please know we are just a phone call away will continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Tiffany Williams/Director
Lavender Meadows Adult Day Health*

Tiffany Wright - February 03, 2016 at 08:26 PM

NA

We were so saddened to learn of your mother's passing. Lin was a lovely lady and her wonderful smile will be missed.

Ken & Neva

Neva Allen - February 03, 2016 at 09:08 PM