



Doris Lorraine Brown

March 25, 2023

Doris Lorraine Brown, of The Concession in Bradenton, FL, formerly of Great Falls, Va., died on March 25th, 2023 of natural causes at age 88.

Doris was born in Washington DC, and in her youth traveled throughout the US and to Germany, as her father was in the Army-Air Force. Both Doris and her only sibling, her younger brother Charles, were born years apart on Christmas Eve. She graduated from Valdosta St. University with an Associates degree. Earlier in Germany, she had met her life partner, Thomas L. Brown, to whom she was subsequently married for 59 years; he predeceased her in 2011. Doris had a successful career in office products and office design, often recognized for her business acumen and achievements, spanning several decades. She and her husband retired to Sarasota in 2008. In retirement Doris' passions surrounded her beloved family and friends, to include playing golf, and especially excelling at a good hand of bridge with her treasured bridge groups. After her husband's death, Doris was a dedicated caregiver for her mother, Mildred, who died in 2019 at age 103. Doris' younger daughter, Deborah, has lived with Doris since 2017, and in turn became Doris' primary caregiver in recent months. Doris' strong intellect, perseverance, and positivity set her apart.

Survivors include: two daughters, Linda Awbrey of Gainesville, FL. and Deborah of Sarasota, FL.; Thomas, M.D. (Carrie) of Seattle, WA.; a brother,

Charles Leonard (Helen) of San Antonio Texas; four grandchildren, Ashley, Alexandra, Sean and Natalie; three great-grandchildren; three nephews, and many extended family members with whom Doris has remained connected with over the years. In addition to her husband, Thomas, she is predeceased by her parents, Edgar and Mildred Leonard, and her son-in-law, Larry Awbrey.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 17th, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. That same day, a reception and celebration of Doris' life will be held at Remy's on Main, in Lakewood Ranch, from noon to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made, in memory of Doris L. Brown, to the Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, 1515 South Osprey Avenue, Suite B-4, Sarasota, FL 34239, or St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Our Spirit Soars Building Fund.