

Plain Brown Rapper

News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

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ORPHA GINA GRIMSUD-BROWN
January 19, 1929 - July 27, 2009

A prized sister-in-law has lost her fight with cancer. On July 27, 2009, Orpha left us to join Leonard and those who have gone before in heaven. I'm sure she is in heaven because there will never be anyone who deserves to be there more than she does.

Orpha and Leonard met while attending the University of Wyoming. She in education and he in engineering. They were married on June 4, 1950 in Wildrose, North Dakota. On August 16, 1953 a son, Stuart Michael Brown was born and their family was complete.

They lived in Laramie for a time after they were married and then moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where he worked for the Arizona Highway Department. Then they moved to Stafford and finally to Phoenix where they both retired.

Orpha taught school in Arizona and worked her way up the ladder to become Principal of a school in Tempe. Her accomplishments and awards are many but one which is used nation wide is the use of a stuffed animal to encourage children to talk when they find it hard to explain to an adult what is wrong. Whenever you see this in practice, you will think of how she made it possible

One of her exciting adventures was to travel to New Zealand and observe their school system, however she gave them many ideas of her own. This wonderful talented lady has left her mark on education in many forms.

After retirement, Orpha jumped into volunteer work. Her most passionate causes were for those of children in need. Whether it be a school lunch program, clothing, supplies or a bit of encouragement to succeed. She raised many thousands of dollars with her work in The Assistance League of East Valley. There are thousands of children in the Phoenix area who have benefitted from her work either at school or through the many thousands of dollars she raised as chairman and committee member of The Assistance League's Fashion Show.

A fantastic cook, being a recipient of her tasty meals was truly a pleasure. Many recipes have been copied which came from her kitchen.

She became an accomplished weaver. A hobby she shared with her daughter-in-law Laurie. They wove many fashions and home decorating items. Beautiful items. Orpha will be missed by many, but not as much as by her son, Stuart and his wife Laurie and Orpha's pride and joys; Granddaughters Audrey and Devon.

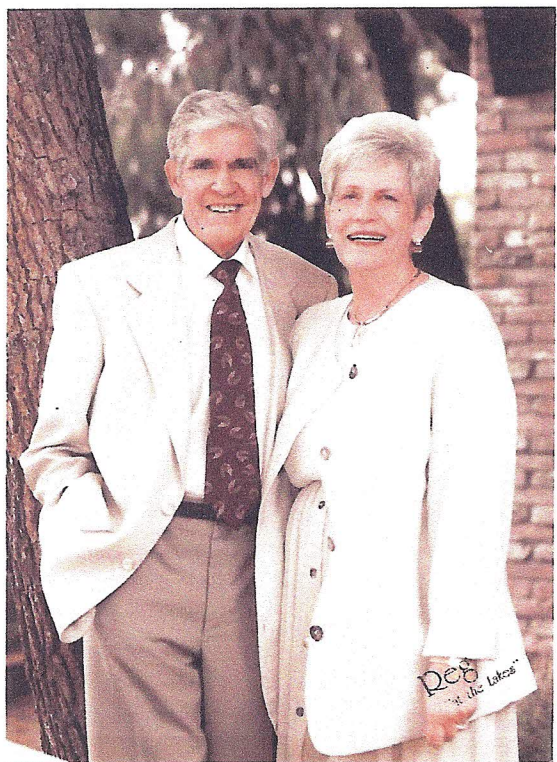


Granddaughters, Devon (left) and Audrey (right)



There was another treasure in Orpha's life. A little (puppy) named Gabe. Her tribute would not be complete without mentioning her friend and companion who kept her entertained and loved!!

A proud moment while she helped Stuart prepare for graduation.



Leonard and Orpha in 1994.

Orpha's funeral will be held August 29th, 2009 at the Schrader Funeral Home here in Cheyenne. She will be buried next to Leonard at the Bethel Cemetery. After the Funeral a light lunch will be held for family members only at Nancy and Bob Treadway's home at 713 W Allison Road. If you wish to make donations, you can give to your favorite charity or to Orpha's favorite charity, The Assistance League of East Valley, 1950 North Arizona Avenue, Suite 3, Chandler, AZ 85225

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