

Mary Colthurst Brown (nee Hein)

Mary was born in Montreal, Quebec on September 23, 1914. She died in Victoria on June 2, 2012. Her mother, Hilda Blyth Buller-Colthurst came to Canada from Oxford, England, where she met her husband, Ove Jensen Hein. He hailed from the Island of Bornholm in Denmark. Ove worked as a civil engineer for the Ford Motor Company and owned his own engineering firm, Hein Construction, in Windsor, Ontario. Mary's one sister, Daphne, an accomplished potter and sculptor, predeceased her. Mary's early years were spent in Riverside and Walkerville, Ontario. In 1937, she received her B.A. from the University of Western Ontario. She went on to study Library Sciences in Toronto, where she met her future husband. For several years, she worked in the Willistead Library in Windsor, Ontario. In 1945, she married Richard Hall Brown, who was with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He died prematurely in 1981 at which time Mary became serious about painting, a pastime she continued to enjoy until only a few years ago. She was a member of the Canadian Federation of Artists, about which she was very proud. Her life was enriched by her interests in painting, music, books, the French language, travel and people. Mary will be greatly missed by her son, Richard Hein Brown and his wife Karen, as well as her two grandsons, Matthew William Otton and Paul Richard Brooker. She is also survived by many close friends and family. A special note of thanks is in order to those who cared for Mary as her health declined at the end of life, including Dr. Ted Rosenberg and the staff at Sunrise Assisted Living and Parkwood Court. Mary was an inspiration to all who came within her sphere. She lived a long and happy life surrounded by love.

A Memorial Service will be held in MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson & Vancouver Streets, at 2:00 pm on Monday, June 11,

2012 with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to C.N.I.B., 2340 Richmond Avenue, Victoria, BC V8R 4R9 Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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