



Thea Fay Brown

July 13, 1946 - January 26, 2016

Thea Fay (Fritzinger) Brown, 69, of Bloomington, passed away on January 26, 2016 at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House. She was born on July 13, 1946 at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, Indiana as the daughter of Charles Edwin and Pauline (Rubek) Fritzinger

Thea grew up in Poland and attended Zion Evangelical and Reform Church – catechism class of 1960. Thea graduated from Brazil High School and Indiana Business College in Indianapolis. She worked for Hulman and Company in Terre Haute before moving to Bloomington and marrying Charlie L. Brown in December 1966. She went on to work at Indiana University, retiring as Executive Assistant to University Chancellor.

She was a volunteer at the Indianapolis Zoo for 21 years, and wrote articles for Zoo Volunteer Newsletter for a number of years. During her time as a volunteer, she received a Stark Award from the Zoo. In addition to her regular position at IU, she also assisted to the German Marshall Fund Program Director (Al Wertheim) for 13 years. Thea and Charlie attended the reunion of the group in Germany when the program ended.

She was a member of AAZK (American Association of Zoo Keepers), Oak Ridge Boys Fan Club, and Longaberger Collectors Club. She was a former member of ABWA and Professional Secretaries Association.

Thea enjoyed spending time with her husband, dog, and cats. She also enjoyed traveling, cross stitching, flowers, and anything to do with animals. She loved collecting elephants and bears.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie L. Brown; sister, LoEda (Mike) Cassiday; niece, Pamela Cassiday; nephews, Andrew Jonathon, and Douglas Cassiday, four grand-nieces, and one grandnephew.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37. With David Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Wilkenson Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 on Friday, January 29, 2016, and Saturday from 9am to service time at the funeral home. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Thea's family at www.allenfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thea Fay Brown.*



January 29, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Thea and Charlie often cared for our dog, Char, when Rob Wintsch and I traveled in the 1970s and 1980s...I always knew he'd be showered with love and spoiled silly (especially with jelly beans). As a fellow animal lover, I've always been inspired by her zoo volunteer work...Sue Wunder*

Susan Wunder - January 29, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Rosslyn Elliott-Crowell Class of 64*

Rosslyn Elliott-Crowell - January 28, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ *I worked near Thea at IU UITS and adored her! We had lots of fun and shared lots of laughs. I will miss her.*

Sherry Prow - January 28, 2016 at 11:45 AM