

PROVIDENCE

FAIN, LOIS H. - Proud Brown Alum, Former Teacher of the Deaf

Lois H. Fain (92) died peacefully on Saturday, April 17. She was a lifelong Rhode Islander. She also enjoyed time in Jupiter, Florida following retirement and before returning full time to RI. Most recently, she has been a resident of Tockwotton on the Waterfront in East Providence and she is grateful to the staff there for their tremendous caring and support.

Lois was the proud and happy wife of Burton M. Fain who predeceased her, passing away two days after they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May 2015. They lived life to its fullest, sharing life's ups and downs and never forgetting how to laugh.

Born and raised in Providence, Lois was the daughter of Dr. Carl Jagolinzer, a prominent optometrist, and Mrs. Dorothy (Schneidman) Jagolinzer, who died at age 45 before cures for cancer were known. The early loss of her mother would be a hole in Lois' heart throughout her lifetime, but Lois was forever positive in spirit and outlook, emphasizing the good and full cup of her life. She exclaimed hours before

her death "I have had a wonderful life."

Lois attended John Howland Elementary School, Nathan Bishop Junior High School and Hope High School, and earned her bachelor's degree in 1949 from Pembroke College (later to become Brown University) and a Master of Teaching from Rhode Island College in 1970. Her husband graduated from Brown two years earlier than Lois and together they were a socially active couple and proud supporters of "everything Brown". Active in the Brown Association of Class Officers, Lois served as President and Vice President of her class, chaired her class' 10th, 25th, 40th and 45th reunions, received recognition for her many contributions to Brown and as a role model, when in 1994 Lois was awarded the prestigious Alumni Service Award.

Lois was a dedicated teacher of the deaf and taught at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf from 1970 to 1988. Her interest in the deaf developed early, during her college years, when she worked at a summer camp in Maine attended by many deaf children and later volunteered at the RI School for the Deaf. As a teacher, she became a model for many student teachers from Gallaudet College in Washington, DC who worked with Lois. She opened up the world for her students on visits to Roger Williams Park and even to Ellis Island in New York. She was certified to teach deaf, hard of hearing and physically disabled students. She was by any measure an outstanding teacher.

Lois' life was typified



by a saying that she repeated often: "One day at a time". Her niece actually found a small pillow with this saying and it stayed near until her death. Lois was easy to be around, very pragmatic and had incredible patience as well.

Lois is survived by her niece Barbara Goldsmith of Warwick and David Goldsmith of

