

For over 25 years, Dorothy served on the Board of Directors of Family Services of Fall River, MA, where she lived during her first marriage to Samuel M. Gourse. She later achieved her stockbroker's license and worked in an investment firm for several years before joining her second husband, David J. Friar in his family business.

Dorothy became active in the Brown Learning Community in Retirement upon returning to live in Providence after 20 years living in Westport Point, MA. She enjoyed the camaraderie and intellectual challenge of BCLR classes and impressed her children and grandchildren by declining dinner invitations and babysitting requests because she had to write a paper for a class she was taking. She loved to travel and was thrilled to tour many far-flung countries in her 50's and 60's. She learned golf from her beloved father and continued playing well into her 80s. She also loved bridge and dancing and continued both into her 80's, most often in the company of her dear friend Walter Yllo, whose kindness and support was an unexpected gift as Alzheimer's began to take its toll.

Dorothy's family would like to thank all of her caregivers at Laurelmead, the Harbor at Capitol Ridge, Tockwotton, and Home and Hospice Care of RI for their loving and kind assistance. For those considering a donation in Dorothy's honor, suggested recipients are Tockwotton Home Employee Education Fund, Home and Hospice Care of RI, Brown University's Scholarship Aid, or the Butler Hospital's Alzheimers Research Endowment.

Friends and family are welcome to gather on Saturday, Oct. 27th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at 76 Wilcox Avenue, Pawtucket, RI. A celebration honoring Dorothy will be scheduled at a later date.

PROVIDENCE

FRIAR, DOROTHY BERGER, 91, died on October 18, 2012 of Alzheimer's disease at the Tockwotton Home in Providence, RI.



She was the daughter of the late Albert C. Berger, and the late Florence Bomstein Berger and the sister of

the late Norma Berger Green. She was predeceased by her husband David J. Friar in 1993.

She is survived by her sons Allan M. Gourse and his wife Betty, Richard L. Gourse and his wife Wilma Ross, her daughter, Judith Gourse Hoffman, stepsons and daughters-in-law John and Kathy Friar, Peter and Susan Friar, Donald and Joanne Friar and step-daughter, Janet Friar. She was beloved "grammy" to her grandchildren Alexander Gourse, Rebecca Gourse, Marcus Hoffman, Alicia Hoffman, Sharon Friar Patterson, Kirsten Friar Perez, John Friar III, Heather Friar Knox, Christopher Friar, James Friar, Elizabeth Friar and Mary Friar.

She will be remembered by all as a loving and supportive mother and grammy who delighted in her children's and grandchildren's accomplishments and cheered them on during challenging times. She was optimistic, curious, open-minded and strongly feminist. She had a smile that cheered those around her.

Dorothy enjoyed her years at Pembroke College immensely. They were the source of lifelong friendships and fostered her love of learning. She was a member of the class of 1942, and her alumnae activities were a mainstay of her life. In 1997, she received a Brown University Alumni Service Award in which she was described as a "Pembroker, Brown parent and parent-in-law (classes of 1971, 1976, 1969), tireless volunteer on behalf of the class of 1942 serving as class president, vice president, and class fund-raising leader."