

Jane L. Brownbridge, 94, of Hendersonville, NC, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, in Pardee Hospital.

She was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, the daughter of the late Dr. Leroy Ward Lewis and Grace Padmore Lewis. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Don Lewis of Shenandoah, Iowa, and her sister, Helen Marsh of Johnson City, Tenn.

She received her bachelor of arts degree from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1931. Having returned in Shenandoah to teach English for several years, she left to marry Edward Brownbridge, whom she had met at Grinnell. In 1949, she received her Master of Arts degree in elementary education from New York State University at New Paltz, N.Y. She retired in 1972 from the Nyack Public Schools in New York, having taught in for 23 years. Before moving to Hendersonville in 1997, she resided in Nyack, N.Y., and York, Maine.

During her long life she had many interests, including birdwatching, sketching and watercolor, sewing and quilting, knitting and embroidery, gardening, adult literacy mentoring, and reading. She especially enjoyed owning her first home, in York, with many flowers and shrubs to tend.

She is survived by her loving family, a daughter, Jennifer B. Armstrong and her husband, Richard, of Hendersonville; a grandson, Alan D. Armstrong of San Diego, Calif.; a granddaughter, Cristina M. McKay and her husband, Dr. Brian McKay, of Darien, Conn.; five great-grandchildren, Austin, Alana, Alexander, Thomas and Trevor McKay of Darien, Conn.; and several nephews and nieces, including Mary Lewis Irvin of Shenandoah.

Her ashes were buried in the Lewis family area of \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery on Friday, May 21.