May Pauline Brosi [BS – 1927, MS – 1931]
Former Oak Ridge resident

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Mrs. Brosi moved to Oak Ridge from Chicago, Ill., in 1943, was active in several civic organizations including adult literacy and international relations groups. She served as both local and state officer of the League of Women Voters and worked with Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church’s Sunday School as a volunteer and as its professional director.

She moved to Pleasant Hill in 1979, and resided at Uplands Retirement Community. During her 12 years in Pleasant Hill, she continued to be active in civic affairs and was a member of the Wharton Nursing Home Auxiliary.

A native of La Cygne, Kansas, she taught school at a one room school while pursuing her education. She received her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Kansas State Teachers College. She taught school in Bellingham, Wash., Madison, S.D., and Normal, Ill. [handwritten “and Milwaukee, WI.”]

In 1937, she married the late Dr. Ralph Brosi, who at that time worked as a research chemist for the U.S. Rubber Company in Passaic, N.J. The couple moved to Providence, R.I. in 1939, and to Chicago in 1942. They moved to Oak Ridge when Brosi joined the Manhattan Project.

Mrs. Brosi is survived by a daughter and her husband, Ruth and Roger Phillips of Milwaukee, Wis.; and a son and his wife, George and Connie Brosi of Berea, Ky.

She is also survived by a sister, Marie Ross of La Cygne; and by nine grandchildren, Robin Phillips and Carol Phillips, both of Milwaukee, and Brook Brosi, Berry Brosi, Blossom Brosi, Sunshine Brosi, Sky Brosi, Glade Brosi and Eagle Brosi, all of Berea.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church.

The family requests that any memorials be in the form of donations to the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society, P.O. Box 3582, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.
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