



**Evelyn Marquerite Short Brother**  
**September 16, 1919 - May 10, 2010**

Evelyn Short Brother, a 1937 South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) graduate passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 10 at the age of 93. She was a long-time resident of Palo Alto, CA.

Evelyn was born in Mud Butte, SD in a sod house in the Black Hills. Mud Butte is an unincorporated community in northern Meade County, northeast of Sturgis.

Evelyn was deaf from an early age, the cause was undetermined. By the time she was seven, her family had decided she should go to SDSD in Sioux Falls. At that time, most people sent their deaf children to the school to board there, but her parents wouldn't think of it. The whole family moved across the state. Evelyn remembers being on the train as it was leaving the Black Hills, and seeing all the relatives at the station. "Everyone was crying", she said. "I didn't understand why."

By the time Evelyn was a teenager, she wanted to board at SDSD with her friends. She was an active student at SDSD. She played on the girls' basketball team and loved to dance, performing in costumes made by her mother.

After graduating from SDSD, she went on to Gallaudet College (now University) in Washington, DC. She enjoyed her time in DC, working at the Hecht Company as a keypunch operator. He was during this time that she met and married her husband Alan Brother, who was also deaf. They moved to Palo Alto in 1947 where they raised their two daughters. Alan passed away in 1980.

Evelyn was known to be a very happy homemaker. Her home was always clean and meals were always on time. She loved to sew and bake. He was a devoted mother and grandmother.

Evelyn lived to 93. Being of good Midwestern stock, she didn't think much of doctors or medicine; she ate right, went to bed early, and lived a healthy life.

Gravesite services were held on May 20 at Alto Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto.