



Virginia Lee Shaver

December 27, 1925 - April 23, 2017

Virginia Anderson (Sunny) Shaver passed away on April 23, 2017 after a long and happy life. She was born in Fairview, OH, to Helma and Richard Anderson who preceded her in death as did her brother Wallie Anderson of Ormand Beach, Florida. She graduated from Parma Schaaf High School and Flora Stone Mather College for Women of Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. After teaching at Cleveland Heights High for two years, and a year at Preston Hollow, Dallas, she met and married the love of her life, William R. (Bill) Shaver, who was attending law school at Southern Methodist University. They moved to Lubbock, and for the next 30 years taught 7th grade English and reading at Atkins Junior High School. She was a renowned, dedicated (and organized!) educator, and touched lives of thousands of students.

After retirement, Sunny began her long commitment to serving as a respected and valued community and church volunteer. She dedicated more than 20 years and 10,000 hours to Methodist/Covenant auxiliary where in addition to her volunteering; she served as president and then membership chairman. One of her proudest accomplishments with the auxiliary was the Covenant Junior Volunteer program that she developed to provide high school students with summer volunteer opportunities. She could be found running the register at the Covenant gift shop every Thursday. Sunny served weekly at Meals-on-Wheels for more than 20 years. She was a 50-year member of the Fellowship Class at Oakwood Methodist Church where she also served as Membership

Secretary for 20 years. Sunny was the past president of the Lubbock Bar Auxiliary and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 25 years.

Sunny was preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years, William A (Bill) Shaver. She leaves behind three children, Shelley Shaver of Sacramento, CA; Dr. William "Andy" Shaver of Lubbock and Daniel Mark Shaver of Garland, TX and many good friends at Carillon, David and Anna, the Bistro staff, and her best friend Ramona McLaughlin. Grandchildren include Ariel Shaver Lee of Sacramento, CA, Richard and Sarah Shaver of Lubbock, Brent Shaver of Garland, Jennifer Gresham of Wichita Falls, Mindy Pardini of Richardson and four great grandchildren: Addie and Jack, and Lauren and Parker.

Sunny was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, educator and friend who will be missed by so many. A celebration of Sunny's life will be held at the Neil Chapel at Carillon on Saturday May 13, 2017 at 1:00pm. The family requests donations to Meals-on-Wheels in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Carillon's Neil Chapel
Lubbock, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Many years ago, Sunny welcomed me into the Shaver home. Many holidays were spent with the Shavers and Sunny always had a place for me when I had nowhere else to go. Such a kind, warm and generous woman. It was a pleasure and an honor to know Sunny Shaver.

Stacee John Broach Dailey

Stacee John Dailey - May 06, 2017 at 07:37 AM

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“ Where do you start to honor someone who touched so many lives? Mrs. Shaver was both my English and Reading teacher at Atkins Jr. High. She pushed me to be a better person every time I walked into her classroom. Mrs. Shaver was the "cool" teacher that everyone went back to visit. She never forgot who you were and was always interested in how you were fulfilling your purpose. Thank you for loving us all unconditionally during a time in our life when we weren't all that lovable! I will never forget the impact you had on my life and that of so many others. I hope your family will be comforted by the wonderful memories that you created for everyone you encountered. Much love.

Teresa Brumley McCracken

Teresa McCracken - April 29, 2017 at 09:13 PM

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“*Mrs. Shaver was my favorite teacher in all my years of education. This I believe was simply because every student was made to feel special in a unique way. She expected the best in each and every student. She taught in a way that allowed us all to succeed. I also remember attending Oakwood and hoping to see Mrs. Shaver because she always made me feel so important. Even now (45 plus years) I feel that I was important to her.*

The memory that stands out the most for me was when I missed school due to having the chicken pox. As a teenager, I felt embarrassed returning to school after having an illness that normally occurs at a much earlier age. When I returned Mrs. Shaver greeted me warmly with no mention of my illness or my absence. At no time did anyone tease me or mention my absence. Looking back, I now see that this was because such behavior just wasn't tolerated. This was clear and everyone knew what the boundaries were. Mrs. Shaver made a difference and was an example to many through her standards, work and service. She will be greatly missed.

Belinda Cotton

Belinda Cotton - April 29, 2017 at 01:49 PM

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“ My Grandmother was an amazing grandma, mother, wife, teacher, and humanitarian. I had the privilege of knowing her my whole life, and she and I were very much alike in many ways. I always looked up to her as someone to aspire to be, and I hope I have fulfilled that in a lot of ways. She was very funny-- she was hilarious, especially sarcastic and dry humor, loving, paid a great deal of attention to detail and put so much time and effort into making sure everyone felt loved and cared for. Every holiday, cards, boxes, letters, presents, she did it all by hand. Although my family lived out of state, we went to visit Texas twice a year and I have a lifetime of memories thanks to that. Some of the things I loved about Grandma were her baking, her cookies, her amazing talent with sewing and the outfits she made me when I was young, how many friends she had in the community, how hard she worked at volunteering and helping out the less fortunate and with the hospital and church, even though she and Grandpa had worked hard and provided well for themselves. She did it out of the goodness of her heart, because she liked to help and be involved. I loved how she was tough and sensible and could get through anything thrown at her. There was nothing Grandma couldn't take on, from the beginning to the very end. She always thought of others. I loved watching her marriage, in hopes that one day I could also build a relationship that was sustainable like that. They were faithful, tolerant, and affectionate. Grandma was an amazing woman, she lived a long and full and healthy life, and she left peacefully at the end of it with the world a better place thanks to her than when she came into it. That's probably the best thing you can possibly say about a person, and a lifetime. Love you forever Grandma, and I hope I can continue to make you and Grandpa proud from here on Earth.

Ariel Shaver Lee - April 29, 2017 at 09:12 AM

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“ Sunny was a very special friend to Lubbock Meals on Wheels. I had the pleasure to work with her for over 15 years. She volunteered her many talents to our agency and was a skilled proofreader for our newsletter and other print materials. She had a great sense of humor and a sharp mind. We have many fond memories of her and will miss her. I enjoyed my recent visit with her at Carillon where she showed me her new "talking scale" and shared her frozen grapes with me! Our deepest sympathy to her family during this difficult time.

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Lubbock Meals on Wheels

Lisa Gilliland - April 27, 2017 at 05:19 PM