



Anita Lynn Shaw

August 9, 1953 - February 12, 2025

Anita Shaw age 71 of Grayson, Kentucky a beloved educator in the Elliott County School system for many years passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Baptist Health in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mrs. Shaw was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 9, 1953, a daughter of the late Loretta (Cooney) and Oscar Voss.

Anita dedicated her life to education, serving as a respected teacher at Elliott County High School. Her passion for teaching extended far beyond the classroom. She had strong bonds with her students, dedicating herself to their growth and well-being. She found immense joy in nurturing young minds and leaving a positive impact on their lives. Beyond her professional life, Anita possessed a vibrant spirit and a thirst for knowledge. She found comfort and inspiration in the beauty of nature, tending to her garden with meticulous care and capturing its wonders through her lens as an avid photographer brought her much joy.

Another great passion was seeking out the serenity of the beach and the historical richness of many things around the world. Her adventurous spirit and continued expansion for understanding different cultures and enriching her life with new experiences is who she was. This insatiable curiosity never diminished, and she embraced lifelong learning with enthusiasm. Most

precious to Anita was the time spent with her daughter, Nina, who was her pride and joy, her brightest star. Their bond was a testament to the deep love and unwavering support they shared.

She will be remembered for her kindness, her dedication, her zest for life, and the profound impact she had on the countless lives she touched in and outside the classroom.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother: Charles Voss.

She is survived by her daughter and partner; Nina Shaw (Halie Gibson) of Lexington, Kentucky. Two brothers; Evan Miller and Bryn Miller, two sisters; Alyssa Knight and Adrienne Miller along with a host of extended family, fellow co-workers, and students who will sadly mourn her passing.

A service of remembrance with Eulogy by David Ray Gilliam will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Whitt & Sons Funeral Home Chapel 1260 North Ky 7 Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home in Sandy Hook in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home
1260 North Ky 7
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

Visitation

FEB 19. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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1260 North Ky 7
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Burial

FEB 19.

Private Burial

Tribute Wall

VW

“ *Nina, my thoughts and prayers go out to you...your mom loved you so very much. We talked about you often and you brought her such joy. I loved hanging out with Anita and the gang at our hallway during breaks! Never a dull moment! I'm sorry that I just saw this today or I would have been there! I really loved your mom...she was an amazing woman and an awesome friend! My heart hurts for all of you....wish I could make it better..* ”



Vaughda Wooten - February 23, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CH

“ *Mrs Shaw had me as a student from 1990-1993 and she was the best teacher I ever had, if I didn't understand the assignment she would be there to explain it to me and some teachers now tell you to figure it out on your own but not Mrs Shaw she helped me understand the assignment and I'm going to miss her so much, see you later Mrs Shaw and say hi to Lisa Thompson for me she was one of your students that passed away back in 1990 love you Mrs shaw* ”

Connie harbie - February 21, 2025 at 06:38 AM

JC

“ *One of the most fascinating individuals I've ever been blessed to call "friend." Every student and colleague benefited from her honesty, her compassion, and her intellect. I'm thankful to have known Anita.* ”

John Carter - February 19, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anita Lynn Shaw.



February 19, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ Vickie & David Fox lit a candle in memory of Anita Lynn Shaw



Vickie & David Fox - February 18, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ Your friends at Dan Cummins Auto Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Lynn Shaw.

Your friends at Dan Cummins Auto Group - February 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Your friends at Dan Cummins Auto Group purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Anita Lynn Shaw.



Your friends at Dan Cummins Auto Group - February 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

DH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ms. Shaw's passing. She was one of my high school teachers. She was a kind and patient teacher who made a lasting impact. Her warmth and guidance will always be remembered. My deepest condolences.

Donna Holbrook - February 16, 2025 at 10:24 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort.



Sen. Walter "Doc" Blevins - February 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM

NS

“ So sorry for your loss Nina



naomi smith - February 16, 2025 at 07:19 AM

LE

“ Louisa Evers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anita Lynn Shaw.



Louisa Evers - February 15, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Lynn Shaw.*



February 15, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anita Lynn Shaw.

February 15, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ *I had her for a teacher she was a very good teacher. she will be missed dearly.*



Jeanette flannery - February 15, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *So very Sorry Nina for your tremendous loss. Thoughts and Prayers to you and your Family.*



Cathy Pennington - February 15, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ My mom was my best friend. I thought I had so much more time with her, but don't we all? Everything I am today is because of her. No matter what happened, she was always by my side. She was as loyal as they come.



I can still hear her correcting me whenever I mispronounced a word or said something incorrectly. We went on so many adventures and loved to laugh together. When I was younger, before school each morning, she would wake me up by crawling into bed with me to “snuggle.” I didn't realize then just how special those moments really were.

We talked almost every day. I called her even when I had nothing to say—just to hear her voice. And now, in these past few days, I still find myself reaching for the phone and then remembering she won't answer.

I loved my mom with all my heart. Life feels so empty without her. But I know she wouldn't want me to live in despair. I can almost hear her saying “Oh, Nina, stop it.” She was funny like that.

She taught me that the most important thing in life is to be a good person. Of all the gifts she gave me, the greatest was my heart—because she showed me what true empathy is. She was kind, loving, and compassionate. She loved her students more than anything, and I like to think she's smiling down on us all.

I remember the day she passed—how grey the sky was, as if the world itself knew how much color it was losing.

Thank you for all the beautiful memories. Thank you for this life. Thank you for EVERYTHING. I love you so much, Mom. You will be so deeply missed.

Nina Shaw - February 15, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JG

Nina you are a beautiful person and this is such a beautiful tribute to your mother and a testament to your relationship. I didn't know your mom but I know she was an amazing person just by knowing you. Many prayers for you as you navigate this new journey. Remember that one day you will be together again. ❤️

jessi a gilbert - February 15, 2025 at 12:53 PM

EH

This is beautiful & your mom sounds like a beautiful person. My heart feels for you & your family right now. You are loved & supported. 💜

Erin Hedrick - February 15, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ Donna Fay Barker lit a candle in memory of Anita Lynn Shaw



Donna Fay Barker - February 15, 2025 at 01:38 AM

AM

“ Alyssa Miller lit a candle in memory of Anita Lynn Shaw



Alyssa Miller - February 14, 2025 at 09:14 PM

AM

“ Anita was known in our family as Nini. As her youngest sister I never knew her well since she was married and moved out of Ohio by the time I was 4 years old but I love hearing about the impact she had on her students and the memories I have of her are of a fun and free spirit. She will clearly be missed by all who knew her.

Alyssa Miller - February 14, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anita Lynn Shaw.

February 14, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Anita Lynn Shaw.

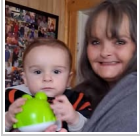


February 14, 2025 at 08:30 PM

CJ

“ Stay gold”.

CJ - February 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Mrs. Shaw was one of the kindest most loving teachers I ever had. So intelligent and she had her own unique style when discussing academics with her students. She was one of my favorite teachers at Elliott County High School. I feel very honored to have had the chance to know and to study under her. My heart goes out to Nina and rest of her family and friends. Rest easy and fly high Mrs. Shaw



Miranda Smith - February 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JP

“ The world has lost an incredible person. My children and I were fortunate to be taught by Ms. Shaw, who touched, inspired, and encouraged so many students and families. My prayers are with her loved ones. Thank you, Ms. Shaw, for being a part of our journey.

Jonathan Porter - February 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM

J(

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Nina. Mrs. Shaw was always my favorite teacher, so full of love and enlightenment. Her greatest treasure was you, and she always let me know how proud of you she was! Sending you and yours a lot of love and prayers during this difficult time.

Jamee Carper (Adkins) - February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KW

“ So sorry to hear of Anita's passing. Prayers for her family.



Kimberly Johnson Whitt - February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KE

“ Anita was a colleague and friend of mine when we both taught at Elliott Co High School. We were neighbours across the hall from each other. She was a joy to know. Prayers for her family and friends- she will be missed.



Kimberly Kinster Eyre - February 14, 2025 at 01:40 AM

LA

“ Anita Shaw was one of my most favorite teachers. She was always nice, caring and funny. I can't express how much I adored her. She was always there to talk when I needed it. She will forever be missed but never forgotten. Nina, your Mommy loved you so much. I know that she is proud of you. Lots of love and prayers for you and the family.



LaVonnie - February 13, 2025 at 10:14 PM

AL

“ Ms. Shaw was the most eloquent and caring teacher I ever had. Folks always wanted to know where she was from because of her accent. Cleveland lost her and I am so glad lil ole Elliott County gained her influence. It was MUCH needed. Thanks for the memories Ms. Shaw. Prost!



Alexandra - February 13, 2025 at 09:28 PM

SP

“ *Susan Preston lit a candle in memory of Anita Lynn Shaw*



Susan Preston - February 13, 2025 at 09:23 PM

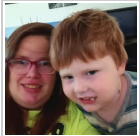
GH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Anita was an amazing teacher who made a huge impact on my life. She was funny and always knew how to make us laugh. I'll never forget her kindness or the day she played Buffalo Springfield for us! She had great musical taste. I remember thinking how 'cool' she was that day.*



She made learning fun, and I feel so lucky to have been her student. My heart is with you during this difficult time.

Gretchen Harrison - February 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *She was one of the best teachers I ever had she was loved and will be missed every day*



Ada Abrams - February 13, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JA

“ I'm so very sorry to hear this. She taught with my late husband, Critten Adkins. They use to share many a laugh. Prayers



Johnda Adkins - February 13, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ I really love her. Her influence was partly why I became a teacher. So sad to hear about her passing.

Lara Fraley - February 13, 2025 at 08:02 PM

KA

“ Kathy & Jimmy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Anita Lynn Shaw



Kathy & Jimmy Adkins - February 13, 2025 at 07:53 PM

KH

“ Listen me and Mrs. Shaw never saw eye to eye but she is one of the few teachers who believed in me and she will be greatly missed.

Kayla Holland - February 13, 2025 at 07:15 PM

CC

“ Despite only ever having her as a substitute teacher, she was by far one of my most favorite and most memorable teachers that I've ever had. her and I would always have deep conversations about old music, and current events. She was one of the most real people I ever met, she'd never shy away from giving her opinion. Along with being real, she was also very kind and compassionate. She'd never fail to ask me how I was doing whenever she saw me. My day was always brightened up whenever I found out that she was subbing for a class I was in. she will certainly be missed.

Clay Casto - February 13, 2025 at 07:11 PM

CG

“ My sweet friend and co-worker. So saddened to hear of your passing. Prayers for you Nina!

Claudette Green - February 13, 2025 at 07:00 PM

KM

“ Anita was the greatest teacher in this world. No matter how you were feeling, she could make you laugh and forget about everything. She sure didn't care to tell you how she felt! But it was always a great time Mrs. Shaw around. I'll never forget the days I had in her class. Truly the best woman to be around. Much love and prayers to her family and all of her students/coworkers she had throughout her years at Elliott County.

Kylie Moore - February 13, 2025 at 06:48 PM

CW

“ Love you always 💖



cathy whitt - February 13, 2025 at 06:46 PM