



Mary Ann Parish Shaw

January 1, 1914 - December 23, 2012

Mary Ann Parish Shaw, 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Houston on December 23, 2012. She was born in Huntsville, Texas, in 1914, and was the daughter of John Edward Parish, Sr. and Jessie Pritchett Parish. She was the granddaughter of Joel and Susan Boyd Gambrell Parish and Joseph Lucien and Leonora Evans Pritchett. Her Parish ancestors arrived in Huntsville from Marion, Alabama, in the 1840's, her Gambrell ancestors arrived in the 1850's and her Pritchett ancestors arrived from Missouri in the 1880's. Ann attended the Demonstration School at Sam Houston Normal Institute in Huntsville, and later received her bachelor's degree from Sam Houston in primary education. She taught kindergarten in Goodrich, Sour Lake and Port Arthur before moving to New London, Texas, in 1938, where she taught until 1941. In New London she met and married her husband of 37 years, Alpheus "Alf" Jennings Shaw. Ann's husband worked for Shell Oil Company, and they lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Port Neches, Texas, before settling in Pasadena, Texas in 1959 where they were longtime members of the First Methodist Church and avid bridge players. In addition to her church activities, Ann served the Pasadena Public Schools as a substitute teacher for many years. She also taught one semester at San Jacinto Junior College, volunteered at Head Start, and served on the Pasadena Library board. In 1996, Ann moved to Bayou Manor Retirement Community where she resided until her death. She was preceded in death by her dear husband Alf; her son David Shaw of Austin; her siblings John Edward Parish, Jr. of

Houston, Jessica Russell of San Antonio, Joe P. Parish of Houston; and Ruth Steffen Turner of Huntsville; her sisters-in-law, "Niki" Parish and Mildred Parish and her brothers-in-law, Milton Steffen, Grady Russell, Glynn Turner and Pete Harang. She is survived by her daughter Marjorie Shaw of Dallas; her sisters Sammie Parish Harang of Bay City and May Parish O'Neal of San Antonio; and a number of nieces and nephews. A private graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville where six generations of her family are buried followed by a family gathering celebrating her life later in the year. Ann's family would like to extend special thanks to Mrs. Jackie Armstrong and her dedicated team of caregivers for their immeasurable help and kindness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Resurge International, www.resurge.org, or the charity of your choice. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Parish Shaw*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of taking care of Mrs Shaw. You will be dearly missed.*

Sincerely one of Jackie's caregivers

Jamesa Wilks - January 07, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ *Ann was a lovely person. I have fond memories of her visits to San Antonio to see May: riding on a church bus to go to a play in the hill country; going to a Mexican restaurant. She was great fun. Bill joins me in sending our condolences to the family.*
Ellen

Ellen Howell Myers - December 28, 2012 at 05:53 PM