



Mary Lou Shaw

March 6, 1930 - January 16, 2022

SHAW, MARY LUCILLE (Mary Lou), 91, of Louisville, passed away on January 16, 2022, after a brief illness. Mary Lou, or “Lulu” to her siblings, was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who selflessly dedicated her life to family. After raising six children, she began her second career as the school secretary at St. Francis of Assisi School, working there for 31 years and retiring at 81 years of age. In addition to her administrative duties, she acted as “grandmother in residence,” dispensing smiles and hugs to students, and occasionally mending knees and drying tears from playground scrapes.

Mary Lou was the daughter of the late Robert and Helen (Allgeier) Beyerle. She was predeceased by her devoted husband of 59 years, K. H. Shaw III; her son, David Anthony, her daughter, Kay Ann; her brothers Robert “Bud,” Garland, Elmer, Norman and John; her sisters Edna Dolt, Jane Gdaniec, Elizabeth “Betsy” Nickens and Doris Fitzgerald.

Remaining to cherish her memory are her children Dennis Shaw (Luanne), Susan Sparrow (Jay), Robert Shaw (Debbie), Andrea Mills (Kevin), Knowles "Buddy" Shaw IV (Becky), and John Shaw (Melissa); sisters Helen “Hetsy” Beyerle and Martha Minogue (Pat); 18 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at Ratterman and Sons, 3800 Bardstown Road. A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 21, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, 5505 Bardstown Road. Private Burial will take place following cremation. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to St. Francis of Assisi School, 1938 Alfresco Place, Louisville, KY 40205, for tuition assistance.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and doctors at Baptist Health Hospital, especially the staff of the Palliative Care Center, as well as the staff of Hosparus, who were so compassionate and caring to both Mary Lou and her family during her final week.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40205
cemeteries@archlou.org
<http://www.archlou.org/departments-and-services/agencies-facilities/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218
<https://www.Ratterman.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel the Archanagel
5500 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I am very saddened to learn of Mrs. Shaw's passing. She was a special lady and school secretary extraordinaire. Mrs. Shae was very smart, competent, industrious and a superb multitasker. My son was often sick as a 5th grader at SFA. He would be lying on a little pallet in her office when I would pick him up. She was always so kind and understanding. I always felt that she was the glue at St. Francis School. Rest in peace Mrs. Shaw, you are fondly missed.

Cathy McLeod - February 14 at 10:29 AM

KA

“ Rest in Peace, Aunt Lou! I hope you're up there with my mom having a good laugh and enjoying some yummy food. <3

Kay - January 26 at 08:12 PM

SM

“ Mrs. Shaw was at St. Francis the entire time several of my siblings and I were students there. She was such an integral part of so much that went on there. She will be remembered fondly and missed. Prayers for her family.

Shaun McKiernan - January 26 at 04:01 PM

BB

“ My sympathy and prayers to Mary Lou's family. She was such a dedicated SFA school secretary for so many years! I was a member of the parish church staff there for 17 years and Mary Lou could always be counted on for everything you mentioned in her obituary and so very much more. What a lovely lady! She will be greatly missed.

Bridget Bunning - January 20 at 12:39 PM

TB

“ So sorry Dana. You are your family will be in my prayers. It so hard to lose a family member, especially when you are so close. Try to hold on to those special memories during this difficult time. Love you girl!! ❤️❤️❤️



Theresa Bindner - January 19 at 06:59 AM

GG

“ I vividly remember she was like a second mom to me! John and I were in the same grade, and grew up in the Fern Creek area. She always welcomed us with open arms and a hug. Mary Lou will be missed, may she Rest In Peace. I will add she raised wonderful children, whom I am blessed to have known since childhood.

Greg Grisanti

Greg Grisanti - January 19 at 06:23 AM