



## Elizabeth Betty (nee Roberts) Shaw

February 20, 1924 - April 7, 2019

Elizabeth "Betty" (nee Roberts) Shaw passed away peacefully at Garden Villa Assisted Living Facility in Bloomington on April 7, 2019. She was 95. Her husband of 73 years, Edward Shaw, was at her side.

Betty was born in Baden, NC on February 20, 1924, the daughter of Wayne B. Roberts and Katheryn (nee Harper) Roberts. Betty is survived by her husband Edward Shaw, their four children Kathlee Rose (Raymon), Merridee LaMantia (Joseph), Edward "Ned" Shaw, and David Shaw (Anne). Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

Betty graduated with a BA in Nursing from the University of Iowa in 1941. She was a Cadet Nurse during World War II and continued her nursing career after her marriage to Edward Shaw in September of 1946.

Betty's career as a registered nurse included private duty, hospital based, and VA based nursing, as well as serving as a nursing supervisor. But her favorite role wearing her crisp, white uniform and white peaked cap, however, was teaching student nurses as a clinical instructor. During her long career, she also found time to earn a Masters of Nursing and a Masters of Education from the University of Evansville.

Betty was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, where she and her husband Ed were among the founding members of the congregation's active senior circle known as the "Joy Group." She was an equally involved member of the local community, participating in the Bloomington Playwrights Project, volunteering at the Bloomington Hospital and helping with Meals-on-Wheels. She and her husband also participated several years in the local ballroom dancing classes.

Betty happily became a world traveler after her retirement. She and Ed visited China, Thailand, Europe, Russia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, and Panama. They also toured the National Parks, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Betty was a life-long learner, submerging herself in her varied interests, as well as the interests of her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her enthusiastic interest and loving encouragement will be terribly missed by those she leaves behind.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30pm, Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. With Rev Eric Edwards officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00am to service time Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers the family ask memorial gifts may be made to the Nursing Emergency Fund at the Ivy Tech Foundation, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN 47404; or online at <https://connect.ivytech.edu/bloomington>.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at <http://www.allencares.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN, 47401

# Events

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**APR 11** Visitation 11:00AM - 01:30PM

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Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN, US,  
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**APR 11** Service 01:30PM

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# Comments

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“ I went to school with David and Ned, but I met Mrs. Shaw when I became a student at Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in 1971, where she was my instructor.. She was not only a Great Teacher, but her caring generosity has been an inspiration to me all of my life. Sending my deepest sympathy to all of the Shaw Family.

Jo Mayne Casey

Jo Mayne Casey - April 14, 2019 at 08:19 PM

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“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Betty (nee Roberts) Shaw.



April 10, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ Mark, Tina, Seth and Archie purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Elizabeth Betty (nee Roberts) Shaw.



Mark, Tina, Seth and Archie - April 10, 2019 at 10:27 AM

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“ By the time I met Betty, she and Ed were enjoying their retirement. "Joy" is the word I most associate with her. She was always smiling, engaged and encouraging. Seeing her with such vigor and curiosity inspired me as I age. I will miss her joyous energy.

Janet Cheatham Bell

Janet Bell - April 09, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ I worked with Betty at the information desk at the Bloomington Hospital. She was such a delight and very dedicated. I loved to hear stories about her family and her past experiences as a nurse. It was a wonderful blessing knowing her.  
With my sincere condolences, Rita Hacker

Rita Hacker - April 09, 2019 at 06:32 PM

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“ 16 files added to the album Betty Shaw & Family



Merridee - April 09, 2019 at 02:02 PM

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“ I will never forget first meeting Betty when I joined the Stewardship Team at Faith. It was my first team/committee, and Betty was so welcoming and kind. She always had a wonderful smile and pleasant things to share about her family and her faith. Ed, you have been a very blessed man to share your last 7 decades with such a marvelous woman. Betty was blessed to have that same time with you as well.

God bless you, Ed and family, as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful lady. May the loving comfort of our sure and certain hope in the Resurrection, and lasting memories of Betty, provide you all peace.

In Christ, Doug Hoffman

**Douglas Hoffman** - April 09, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Thank you for sharing such sweet comments with our family, Doug.

**Wendy Treinen** - April 09, 2019 at 02:48 PM

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“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Betty (nee Roberts) Shaw.



April 09, 2019 at 06:10 AM