



Ursula Helen Shoats

October 11, 1927 - October 15, 2013

Ursula Helen I Fietze was born October 11, 1927 to Pauline and Fritz Fietze in Goerlitz Germany. She attended The Maria Ward College which she called the (English Sisters) and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration and Education. Ursula moved to Australia then to San Francisco where she met the love of her life, Jesse (John) Shoats Jr. and they were married in 1963. She owned and operated a children's daycare for many years and touched the lives of many families who continued to correspond with her when she moved to Muskogee, Ok. Ursula was a member of the First Baptist Church in Summit, Ok and later, moved her membership to the Lutheran Church on East Broadway in Muskogee. She was a member and an officer of the Garden Club, Red Hats, and Muskogee New Friends.

Her husband John; parents, Pauline and Fritz Fietze; brothers, Fritz Jr. and Horst; sisters, Helga Dorothea and Roswitha preceded her in death.

Ursula leaves to mourn her sister, Gerda; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; sisters in-law, Virginia and Bernadette Shoats; brothers in-law, Rene and Bernard Shoats of Muskogee, Ok.; stepsons, Mark and Jesse Shoats of California; very dear friends, Vernice Frazier of Muskogee, Ok and Margaret Harlan of Wisconsin.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
428 E Broadway
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Ursula Helen Shoats*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Mrs. Shoats and Daddy John were a part of my life since I was 3yrs old; looking back at her strict discipline and dedication to teaching, I understand what tremendous impact her patience love and understanding has been to my life. Without Mrs. Shoats the saint God put in my life I don't know where I would be today. I want the world to know what a wonderful person Mrs. Shoats was to me and I thank God that he gave us Mrs. Shoats the one thing death has know dominion over LOVE!*

Arthur Harris - February 09, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ *Mrs. Shoats loved all of the kids she cared for, and that was clear. When I think about what my child is learning in preschool today, I look back at my years with Mrs. Shoats and am thankful for her instruction, guidance, discipline and love. SHE is why so many of us stayed in touch and kept coming back to see her, to help with the little ones when we were long past preschool age. She was part of our family. - Jocelyn Sique (Mrs. Shoats "graduate" 1976)*

Jocelyn - February 03, 2014 at 08:55 AM

AH

“ As a parents of two of the many children Mrs. Shoats and Daddy John help raise in San Francisco, we are deeply indebted to the love, discipline, education and constant inspiration that was shown by two of the sweetest and loving people we were blessed to know. Mr. & Mrs. Shoats probably never received the accolades they deserved, but we will never ever forget the nurturing and guidance they so amply poured into each child under their care. We would like to think that they are both reunited in heaven and continuing to keep watch over their flock who so dearly loved them. Ann and Tom Hornsby - Atlanta, GA

Ann Hornsby - January 07, 2014 at 09:25 AM

SM

“ I count myself lucky to have been one of the many "children" of Mrs. Usula Helen Shoats. She was a jewel to know. I owe much of my success to her. No words can express and no act of gratitude can relay what her love and support meant to me and my family. She was a part of my family, and because of her and Daddy John my brother Daman and I have extra sisters and brothers across the country (Konya, Choo Choo, Jocelyn, Serena, Estevan, Tank, Harrell, Arthur, Ceasar, Michael, Anthony, Sarah...the list goes on). Even though we were miles apart, I am so glad I had the opportunity to talk to her each year. She always let me know that even though the miles separated us and the years continued to pass, the connection was still strong. Even as late as September 2013, she was still encouraging me. My new husband and I received a card from her that month that read... "Believe...Believe in your dreams. Believe in love. Believe in forever." I will cherish it as I will cherish her memory. She will be missed beyond measure.
- Stacey L. Mitchener, Esq. (Stacey Hornsby)



Stacey Mitchener - January 07, 2014 at 07:54 AM

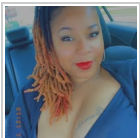
KR

“ Words cannot express the sadness felt upon hearing the news of Mrs. Shoats' passing. She was an integral part of the foundation and development of my core, who I am today. Mrs. Shoats had a direct impact on mine and the lives of countless others. Although she is now absent from the physical world, her spirit remains with us. She is reunited with Daddy John and Choo Choo, another guardian angel watching over us. A couple of years ago I had the pleasure of making a photo book to honor Mrs. Shoats and I've shared a few pages here. The tribute was graciously written by my dear friend and sister Choo. Two words to forever describe Mrs. Shoats....love and family. God Bless.

Konya (Washington) Roberts aka "Puddin' Mama"



Konya Roberts - January 05, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ I went to her daycare as a child. She was an awesome person. She pushed me to do my best and I really appreciated her. I am saddened to hear this news. I wish I could have talked to her as an adult. I could have told her what a huge influence she was in my life. Thank you so much for everything. To her family, I am very sorry and I will lift you up in prayer.

Tameka Johnson - January 03, 2014 at 09:04 PM

PH

“ My family knew Mrs. Shoats for many years here in SF, CA. All three of my children went to the Shoats daycare. Timmy, Philip and Tammy, they were all very young when they started. When Ms. Shoats moved to OK, we were still in contact with each other. She faithfully called to wish us a Merry Christmas and followed it up with a beautiful card. God bless you Mrs. Shoats and we love and will always remember you. Many prayers and blessings to the family.
Pamela Humphrey and family. January 2, 2014

Pamela Humphrey - January 02, 2014 at 10:22 PM

GE

“ Dear sister,

*I miss you so much.
I think of you always.
Love
Gerda*

*Your niece Eva misses you, too.
To bad that Davina, Evas daughter, never met you in person.*

Gerda - November 18, 2013 at 01:48 PM

SH

“ Sheila Hendryx lit a candle in memory of
Ursula Helen Shoats



Sheila Hendryx - October 23, 2013 at 09:15 PM

SH

“ Mom and I met Ursula through a former employer at the Muskogee Herb festival about 10 years ago. A group of us ladies used to get together at each other's houses, and Ursula's home became a regular.

We became fast friends, and continued that friendship long after members of the original group moved out of state, and drifted away. We tried to get together once a week, but sometimes it stretched out a bit longer; but she would call either every day, or every other day, and talk to mom so that it didn't seem so long between.

We spent her last birthday with her. I wanted to either take her out, or have her up to the house, but she insisted she could not....If the mountain will not come....We picked up everything to fix, and headed to her house. I cooked her my pizza she loved so much, and we spent her birthday around her dining room table, laughing and talking about everything.

Before we left, Christina called, and Ursula passed around the phone, eager to introduce us to the niece she loved so much, and talked about often. It was a wonderful day that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Our lives were so much richer for having Ursula in them, and we will miss her until we meet again.

Ursula...you never won that lottery and took me around the world like you said you wanted to do, but I will take you with me inside my heart. Mom and I love you very much. Fly pain free with the angels my friend.



Sheila Hendryx - October 23, 2013 at 09:04 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Ursula & Mom



Sheila Hendryx - October 23, 2013 at 08:44 PM



Is this your mom with miss Shoats Konya?

Macho Grande - January 07, 2014 at 11:49 AM

LA

“ I had the pleasure of meeting this sweet lady through a previous employer and grew to love her. Each time we saw her I was elated. I absolutely loved her. She always had a contagious smile. My heart breaks for her family with the loss of this precious jewel. May she rest in peace in heaven.

Lindsey Alexander

Lindsey Alexander - October 23, 2013 at 11:01 AM

JH

“ Es and I both enjoyed Ursula. She was a friend with a smile. God Bless her and take her into his arms.

JHunter

John Hunter - October 18, 2013 at 11:49 AM

VG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



virginia garrison - October 18, 2013 at 05:09 AM