



Mrs. Julia M. Shaw

November 13, 1913 - February 2, 2012

Julia was born in Bombay India on 13 November 1913 to Herbert Samuel Walton and Margaret Olive Little. She was born in India because her father was the general manager of a large retail business called Spencer and Company. She had only one younger brother who obtained a BS degree from the University of London, but was tragically killed in a flying accident in a Spitfire while training for WWII.

She left India at the age of 6 or 7 and was educated in England at a boarding school in Hemel Hempstead starting at age 7 until she completed the equivalent of high school. She won several academic honors for art, science and mathematics during her time at school. She was an exceptional artist from a young age and won a contest that resulted in the use of one of her paintings on a poster that went into all the Underground stations in London advertising a children's art exhibit.

She continued studying art at the London Polytechnic and received a diploma after 2 years. She then went on to study dress making and design at the London Branch of the Paris Academy of Dress Making for another 6 months. She worked in London as a cutter at a lingerie company where she met "Winnie" Wilmot, who introduced her to the LDS church. She was baptized in 1941 in London and served a short mission during part of 1942.

She worked in London during part of the Blitz of WWII. She found that running for the air-raid shelters all the time was tiresome so she applied for a radio engineering job with the BBC. After some training she was assigned to a transmitter station in Droitwich near Worcester where she said she was involved in transmissions to the French Resistance. On 23 June 1944, during a brief 3 week break from his war duties, she married Ralph Goodwin Shaw as he was in transition from fly training in Canada to his Royal Air Force assignment in India and later China.

After he returned from the war they decided to move to Ndola in Northern Rhodesia in the middle of Africa, so in 1947 they packed up and moved. Alexander John Goodwin Shaw was born in Ndola 22 February 1949 while they were still living in a small house with no running water or electricity. By the time David Goodwin was born 28 April 1952, they had moved closer to the center of Ndola to a house with modern amenities. Her parents were planning to move to Africa, in 1951, to join them, when her father became ill and passed

away while still in England. Her mother did join them in Ndola within 6 weeks of Herbert's death on the same ship they were originally schedule to take.

In 1954 "Goodwin", as Julia's husband was known, received a job transfer to Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia. They all lived together for a short time in a house that Margaret bought. Within a couple of years, Goodwin and Julia bought another house with a "Mother-in-law" apartment attached and they all moved into it. Julia's mother died at the good age of 88 in December 1972. Julia and Goodwin lived in that house from 1956 until they left Africa to come to the United States in 1982.

While they lived in Salisbury, Julia worked for the City Administration over Native Affairs, but soon changed to become a reservations clerk for the Central African Airway, which later became Air Rhodesia. Working for an airline gave her access to reduced cost travel and she took plenty of advantage traveling all over South and North America, Asia and Europe. She retired from Air Rhodesia in 1973 and started work at Kingston's Books for another 3 years.

Julia had many interests and hobbies including: sewing and dress making, making 8mm movies, decorating cakes, cooking gourmet meals, singing in the Phoenix Choir, doing embroidery and crochet as well as calligraphy. Julia and Goodwin were always interested in finance and investing and at the age of 60 Julia signed up for some formal classes at the local college.

She single handedly funded David's mission to South Africa from her work efforts. In 1976 she saw both of her sons leave Africa to come to BYU to attend University. Part way through school, Alec served a mission to the Boston Massachusetts Mission. Both Alec and David completed Masters degrees in Electrical Engineering at BYU.

In 1981 David accepted a job at Bell Labs in New Jersey, as did Alec later on. Because of the political situation in Zimbabwe (as Rhodesia had come to be known), Goodwin and Julia decided it was time to move. They packed up all there worldly belongings and moved to Red Bank New Jersey, where David already had a place for them to live temporarily. Within a short time they found a condo in the adult community of Shadow Lake Village. Initially they rented a condo, but shortly bought a unit of their own. In 1988 Goodwin passed away and Julia continued to live in the same place until June 2006.

After Goodwin's death Julia attended the LDS Temple for the first time and soon thereafter served for a year as a full time missionary in the Washington DC temple. She was active in the Kiwanis club in Shadow Lake Village and served in many callings in the Eatontown Ward including a long period as a family history center consultant. As one might appreciate as the first member of her family she had a lot of new genealogy to do and worked tirelessly for most of her life, since joining the church, to piece together her family roots.

She also travelled extensively, with friends and investment clubs, to places like Hawaii, Egypt, Israel, South Africa, Austria, Bahrain and some trips back to England. On one of

the trips to England she left New York on the QEII and returned to New York on the Concorde. It is possible that she may have been one of very few people who were born before commercial air travel, but actually flew on the Concorde.

When she wasn't on the move she loved to read. Often it was heavy non-fiction material, and she subscribed to, and read cover to cover, the Wall Street Journal and the Investor's Business Daily.

In June 2006, Julia fell in her condo and broke her hip. After some rehabilitation it was decided that she would be better off in a long term care and rehab facility closer to David who had moved the Pennsylvania from New Jersey in 2004. She lived in the New Eastwood care center until her passing on 2 February 2012. During her stay at New Eastwood, she overcame many trials including 8 surgeries and a bout of shingles, but still made it to the ripe old age of 98.

She has been described, by some, as the epitome of an English lady, and made a great impression on many people. She will be deeply missed by those who were fortunate to have been associated with her.

She is survived by her two sons, Alexander J. G. Shaw & wf. Patricia of American Fork, Utah, and David G. Shaw & wf. Barbara of Nazareth, PA; and eight grandchildren.

A Viewing will be held Thursday, February 9, 2012, from 10:00 am to 10:40 am followed by Funeral Services beginning at 11:00 am; both located at the American Fork 9th Ward, 673 East 300 North, American Fork. Interment in American Fork Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to either the LDS Church Perpetual Education Fund or the Humanitarian Fund.

Cemetery

Events

American Fork City Cemetery

600 North 100 East
American Fork, UT, 84003

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Visitation

10:00AM - 10:40AM

American Fork 9th Ward

673 East 300 North, American Fork, UT, US, 84003

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Service

11:00AM - 12:00PM

American Fork 9th Ward

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Comments



“ Dave,
I never met your sweet mom, but I know from the spirit I feel when I'm around your family what kind of woman she must have been. I love all of you so much!
Love,
Nicci Leavitt Flores



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