



## Evelyn Vashti Shaul Dobbs

June 29, 1919 - October 16, 2010

E. Vashti Shaul Dobbs died Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the age of 91. Wharton Funeral Chapel will support arrangements for the service at Alva First Baptist Church, Saturday, October 23, at 11:00am.

Vashti, the first child of Brad and Nina (Groesbeck) Shaul was born north of Alva on June 29, 1919. She attended the early grades at Greenleaf school where Nina was the teacher, then moved to town and attended Westside school. In 1933, Brad took a job on a 15,000 acre ranch south of Freedom where Vashti went to 8th - 12th grades. Upon graduation, she moved in with her grandmother, Nellie Groesbeck, and started college at Northwestern. Two years later a classmate of hers introduced her to a brother, Con Dobbs, and they married April 2, 1940 at the Cherokee Baptist parsonage.

School work stopped and a family started with the appearance of Billy Con, Gary Lee, and Roger Shaul Dobbs, born 1941, '42, and '43. As the boys grew faster than a small town carpenter's income, it became apparent that Vashti should finish her college degree and start teaching. She did and taught for 26 years (1 at Horace Mann, 3 at Longfellow, 22 at Lincoln).

She remained in Alva after Con died in 1985 and only left her birth place after Roger died in 2009. At 90 years old, she moved to Tyler, Texas to be near Gary where she died a year later.

Vashti joined First Baptist Church May 7, 1939 and never left. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, AAUW for graduate women, Alva Research Club, Town and Country Extension Homemakers, and the Woods County Council.

She was preceded in death of all siblings except her sister Nellie Shaull O'Dell, and all her children except Gary Dobbs. Other surviving family includes 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alva First Baptist Church  
714 College Ave.  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Vashti graduated from Freedom with my mother, Laura (Beagley) Bliss in 1938. Mom always spoke very fondly of her and enjoyed running into her occasionally in Alva. Vashti was my son's (Spencer Bradt) first grade teacher, I believe. She was always a lovely person and so very pleasant! As an educator, she made the world a better place for so many young children. My thoughts are with you today.*

Sandy Bliss Wimmer - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Gary,  
Your mother was a great friend of my mother's. Teaching together I don't think there was ever two better teachers nor teachers who cared more about their students. We lost a wonderful lady. My condolences to you and your family.*

Joe Highfill - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Mrs. Dobbs was my first teacher, Kindergarten, at Horace Mann. Then I did my student teaching under her at Lincoln. I am now an elementary principal and her influence in my educational philosophy is major. It is true that as a teacher we touch lives forever. You have my thoughts and prayers.*

Patty Wharton Pulliam - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *She was a wonderful aunt. I loved her a lot! I will miss her but know that some day in the future, I will see her again, thanks to our loving Father in Heaven & by His Son, Jesus the Messiah.*

Sheri Waide - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Monica, I am so sorry to read of your grammies' passing. I have so many fond memories of having her as a teacher and playing with you at her house. She was truly a blessing to have in my life. May God grant you peace and comfort as you say goodbye to such a wonderful person.

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**Kim Oakes-Wildeman** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. As a former student of Lincoln Elementary, Mrs. Dobbs is one of the many great teachers that always holds a special place in my heart.

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**Shelly (Waldschmidt) Stoffel** - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Mrs. Dobbs was my kindergarten teacher at Lincoln School many years ago. I have fond memories of her teaching me how to tie my shoes. She was influential in my career choice of a teacher. I will always have a special place in my heart.

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**Kelly Coker Nusser** - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Vashti and I started teaching Kindergarten together. She was so helpful and we shared many ideas and 'troubles' with each other. She was such a classy lady.

Grace

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**Grace Lansdown** - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mrs Dobbs was my teacher @ Lincoln. I thought the world of her. She helped mold me into the person I am today! Sincerely*

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**Julie Davison Helm** - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Vashti was one of our favorite aunt's. She taught me quite a bit about manners, responsibility and family. She also demonstrated tremendous self discipline and sense of selve. We will miss her.*

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**Terry & Cheryl Nixon** - October 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *I taught with Vashti many years at Lincoln School. She was a very nice and fun person to know and I enjoyed being around her. May God bless and be with all the family. May there be comfort in knowing someone so special will never be forgotten.*

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**Lavon Wiersig** - October 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM