

**GLADYS R. SHAW
OBITUARY**

Gladys R. Shaw was born in Barnsdall, Oklahoma on January 16, 1931. She passed from this life in El Paso, Texas on September 29, 2011, two months to the day after losing her beloved husband of 64 years, Howard Shaw. Gladys and Howard are survived by three daughters: Kimberly Panther Wyloleaf Shaw, Kia Shaw Riemath and her husband Brad, and Kamy Hanwisimae Shaw. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, as well as numerous members of her and Howard's extended family, and many friends and colleagues who will long hold Gladys in their hearts.

Gladys Shaw has been a friend and mentor to many people across the country throughout her life. Early in her career, Gladys began reaching out to high school students in the El Paso area, mentoring and encouraging them to go to college. She founded many organizational resources for the support of at-risk and first generation students in the El Paso area. As an El Paso Community College Developmental Education faculty member, and in her roles as Director of the Tutoring and Learning Center and Director of Student Support Services at UTEP, Gladys led programs that have been vital to the El Paso community and which have won many awards.

Her years of experience expanded to benefit her profession as she worked to develop certification standards for both CRLA and NADE, make over 75 professional presentations, and write numerous articles and chapters in professional journals and publications. She served as Treasurer of both national organizations. She has won many awards including being named a Fellow of the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations, our field's most prestigious honor. In 2010, she was inducted in the El Paso Commission for Women Hall of Fame.

Tonight, we honor Gladys' work as a powerful advocate for providing access to college and a better life for students not only in El Paso, but across the world. As well, we honor her for championing and mentoring excellence in our profession, celebrating her 80 years of life with her favorite tagline, "Rainbows and Blessings!"



Tribute to the Life of

GLADYS R. SHAW

January 16, 1931 - September 29, 2011



College Academic Support Programs (CASP) Conference

October 23, 2011

7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

AT&T Hotel and Conference Center

University of Texas - Austin

A Woman of Valor

By Eric S. Kingston

A woman of valor makes the world change
Her strength is the content that guides through the days
Defined by her actions that bring light to all dreams
Valor is something that's defined by her deeds.

Her valor is golden, sparkled and gray
She stands up to the challenge no matter the way
It can't be held back or defined by her age
Yes, a woman of valor makes the world change.

For valor's not held by the young or the old
But by deeds of the heart that give and unfold
It's merit and honor that hold no disguise
Like the creation of being in the blessed Holy One's eyes.

For valor is the color of the song of her soul
As she changes, creates, and turns light into gold
Divine is Her Presence, be it joyous or sad

--A Woman of Valor—

May offer little, but it will be all that she has.

For only her heart will know the depths of her soul
That nurtures and blossoms and forever unfolds
And holds in its essence new life and new gain.

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A Celebration of the Life of Gladys R. Shaw

Prelude: Slide show with medley of Gladys' favorite gospel songs by Elvis Presley

Reading of the obituary: Karen Patty-Graham, NADE Past President

Welcome and introduction of family members: Linda Thompson, NADE Certification Council Chair

The Life of Gladys and Howard Shaw presented by their daughters:

Kimberly Panther Wylolleaf Shaw

Kia Shaw Riemath

Kamy Hanwisimae Shaw

Slide show: Howard and Gladys Shaw and family, set to "More" (Gladys and Howard's favorite song) sung by John Gary

Tributes to Gladys:

Ann Wolf, President, College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)

Betty Black, Secretary, National Association for Developmental Education (NADE)

Kathy Stein, on behalf of College Academic Support Programs (CASP)

Music : "Precious Lord" sung by Mahalia Jackson

Tributes:

Leslie Jones, President of the Texas chapter of NADE (TADE)

Cheryl Baker Heller, President of the Texas chapter of CRLA (TxCRLA)

Closing comments: Rebecca Goosen, NADE President-Elect

Closing prayer: Linda Thompson

Music and video: "Somewhere over the Rainbow," sung by Eva Cassidy

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccCnL8hArW8>)

Announcements: Karen Patty-Graham

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Other special thanks:

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RAINBOWS AND BLESSINGS SENT TO EACH OF YOU FROM GLADYS