



## Anna Mae Fahrney

September 16, 1909 - April 21, 2007

Anna Mae Schuh Fahrney, age 97, formerly of Mt. Vernon, IL passed away on April 21, 2007 in Severna Park, MD.

She was born September 16, 1909, in Murphysboro, IL, the daughter of Charles and Freda (Kuhn) Bowser. Mrs. Fahrney taught Physical & Health Education and was a Guidance Counselor at Mt. Vernon Township High School from 1949 until her retirement in 1975. She was a graduate of Illinois State Normal with a Masters Degree from Southern Illinois University. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Julius M. Schuh of Cairo, IL and Emory D. Fahrney of Blair, ND.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald B. Schuh and his wife Rosemary of Millersville, MD; Gerald E. Schuh and his wife Barbara of Gates Mills, OH;

two grandchildren, Daniel Eugene Schuh and Erik Benjamin Schuh;

her brother, John Bowser of Middle Island, NY; and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Mae Fahrney*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Gerry and Ron,*

*What a wonderful photo of your Mother!*

*She was a real lady ahead of her time. I remember how she told stories to impress important truths on the minds of silly teenage girls. I always think of her story about a woman who asked to borrow her lipstick when she was in the restroom in Famous Barr - she said. " If she had the nerve to ask...I had the nerve to say NO!"*

*She checked every girl for scoliosis and perfect posture and taught "sex ed" in the '60's before it was the vogue thing to do. Memories of MVTHS have to always include your Mom!*

*I know you will miss her!*

*Blessings,  
Fran Johnson Mahoney  
Fort Myers, FL*

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**Fran Johnson Mahoney** - May 16, 2007 at 01:40 AM

SB

“ Ronnie, 5/7/07

*I just got the Register-News of 4/27/07 today. I was very sorry to see of the death of your mother. She was a very nice person. I will send you a card when I find your address. Hope to see you at the reunion in Sept.*

*Stephen Bell*

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**Stephen Bell** - May 07, 2007 at 08:55 PM

MM

“ *This lady made a lasting impression on at least one of her students-me. We knew her as Mrs. Schuh at Mt. Vernon Township High where she taught young girls how to be young 'ladies'. Stand up straight, speak softly, have high morals; all the things that make a lady a lady. She was a fine example of what she taught. Mrs. Schuh was my teacher in 1957/58 and also my neighbor on Dewey avenue in 1965/66. I doubt she would have remembered me, but none the less, she left a lasting impression on my youth and I am proud to have had the chance to know her.*

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**Margaret [Shehorn] Marasco** - May 02, 2007 at 10:53 PM

WA

“ Ron and Jerry: This may be a repeat. I started a note and lost it. I don't know if either of you remember me or not, but I had the opportunity to teach health for 4 years in a classroom right next to your mom's room. Of course then she taught (girls) health and I taught (boys) health. We had a great time. I never thought of your mom being 22 years older than I. Dinah Tanner and I discuss your mom quite often. I went to Phoenix after she moved into the retirement center. I called her and visited with her all afternoon and she showed me around the facility. She showed me the library that she and another retired teacher developed. We went out to dinner and I thought we had a great time. If a person doesn't have an enjoyable time visiting with your mom, it is their fault. When I called her to see if we could get together, she answered the phone and before I told her who I was, I asked her for a date. I thought she was going to hang up on me. If either or both of you ever get back to Mt. Vernon, please call me. I would love to visit with you and celebrate the good times your mom and I enjoyed teaching together.  
Wayne

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**Wayne Arnold** - May 01, 2007 at 10:29 PM

MZ

“ I remember your mother so fondly as my teacher in health, etc 1950-1954. She was an excellent teacher and so much fun too. I did contact her a few years ago, but then lost touch and had tried to "find" her via the internet not long ago. My sister, Harriett Koch has written also and I well remember a discussion your mother and I had a few years ago about how different we were -- she was a counselor and I was sure a very good one, but that I, as a Home Ec Teacher "just told the students HOW it was to be." and your mother said she was sure I was right. Remember you as the cute little boys who had no choice but to behave, even when bored by a group of adults. Will be thinking of you Thursday. Martha Zimmerman

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**Martha Zimmerman** - May 01, 2007 at 08:54 PM

PR

“ I knew Mrs Schuh in 1972 in Mt. Vernon as she was my mentor when I did my student teaching at Mt. Vernon HS. She was absolutely wonderful and I have thought about her and her many words of wisdom over the years. Ive been at nurse at Herrin Hospital sinde 1987, and I've used her common sense approach to many of my own life's challenges. She was a wonderful lady, a terrific mentor and teacher and you have my sincere condolences on her passing. God blessed you all when he sent her into your lives and I know she's in heaven with Him now. Sincerely, Paula (Dinkins) Alters

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**Paula Alters, RN** - April 30, 2007 at 10:33 AM

DT

“ Ron and Jerry, I have tried a long time to get in touch with Anna Mae but failed. Wayne Arnold, teacher with me at Mt. Vernon High called today to tell of her death. My heart hurts for you and for me, too. Anna Mae was a friend for many years and I hope to hear from you if possible. As always, Dinah Tanner

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**Dinah L. Tanner** - April 29, 2007 at 09:11 PM

FW

“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of my counselor colleague. Anna Mae was my mentor as I started my counseling career at Mt. Vernon High in 1967. I am now retired after 36 years at Mt. Vernon. She and I shared common life philosophies and backgrounds as we both were coaches and physical educators as well as guidance personnel. She took great pride in her sons and I always felt she accepted me as part of her "flock". She left quite a legacy in our office as her favorite saying, "there has to be a better way" resonated in all of our meetings and with me personally as we dealt with options on issues. She and LaWanda were quite a pair together and provided never a dull moment. Her smile, quick wit, and "head on" style was admired, appreciated, and missed by me. The Lord has welcomed a truly valuable servant.

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**Ferrell Wiman** - April 28, 2007 at 11:49 PM

HK

“ I read of your mother's death with sadness and good memories. I was in her health class during my freshman year at Mt.V High School in 1954! She was an excellent teacher, kind, and very fair. I remember that she had 2 young sons. My sincere sympathy to both of you and your families. Harriett Koch

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**Harriett Koch** - April 28, 2007 at 11:08 AM

JP

“ Ron and Gerry:

*What great memories I have of Anna Mae: going to Cardinal games (I remember the time she read the riot act to an usher because her seat was behind a post---old Sportsman Park---and, she got a different seat!); visiting her within a day of whenever I returned from Lindsborg; remembering her telling me that she didn't think I would ever learn how to plan the cornet (listening to me practicing---remember, my bedroom (also David's) was on your side of our house; reminding me that I always said that I never wanted to teach; and, the great times Anna Mae and Mom had together. They should, now, be enjoying a great reunion!!*

*My love to you both---will be thinking of you on May 3rd.*

*Much Love,*

*Joyce*

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**Joyce Pigge** - April 28, 2007 at 12:29 AM