



Marilyn June Kittleson

November 23, 1934 - September 10, 2020

Marilyn June Anderson was born on November 23, 1934, in Mason City, Iowa, to John Anderson and Mable Blake. She married Sherman Richard Shook and they had three children together. Lynette Kay (Shook) Sherer, John David Shook, and Sherman Richard Shook II. Father, Sherman Richard Shook, passed away in a car accident in 1955 before their 3rd child was born. She married Ludolf August Magnussen on December 28, 1957, and had one daughter, Heidi Gay (Magnussen) Lusson. Ludolf "Lud" passed away on March 24, 1978, from lung cancer. She then married Laverne Clarence "Bud" Kittleson on December 11, 1975, in Minnehaha, South Dakota. He passed away in 2012. Marilyn died on September 10, 2020, at the age of 85 due to complications of the pandemic virus, COVID 19.

She is survived by her sister Karen (Anderson) Bernardt, daughters Lynette (Shook) Sherer (husband Larry), Heidi (Magnussen) Lusson (husband Ron), and son, Sherman Richard Shook II (wife Becky), and daughter-in-law Linda Shook (John Shook), 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Marilyn was well known for her headstrong personality and quick wit. There was nothing she couldn't do when she set her mind to it. She often said she could accomplish anything with the help of her kids. She was devoted to her family and appreciated their visits and phone calls. She was very talented with her produce canning, cooking, sculpting, sewing drapery and clothing of all kinds, basket weaving, crocheting, knitting, and sometimes construction. Marilyn also gardened and made and sculpted dolls; she could weld and she enjoyed knowing she could drive a semi and dump trucks and farm tractors. (When she was not driving the semi, she would crochet baby booties.) She loved dogs and during a time in her life, was very active with the Kennel Club, breeding and raising dogs. It wasn't unusual for her to have a dog in her purse (seriously; don't get too close).

Marilyn was very proud of her children and grandchildren. In each of her offspring are qualities that she possessed in herself. Independence, strength, intelligence, creativity, determination. She worked hard throughout her life and she taught her children to work and to play. Her children remember too, that she loved to dance and she would often sing

quietly. She had an organ and could play it.

She liked country music and had a fondness for Johnny Cash. Family gatherings often involved late nights with aunts, uncles, and cousins, and telling stories, card playing, and laughter.

She was unafraid of self-assessment. She quit smoking, attended AA meetings, and welcomed well-thought criticism, which she could also provide it on occasion when she felt required.

While she accomplished much in her time and will be greatly missed by family and friends, she came to know herself through the challenges, loss, and joys of life. She leaves a legacy of love, wisdom, constant learning, and perseverance.

Comments



“ Heidi and family so sorry to hear about your Mom, she will be miss by us at Apple Valley. I send my love to all of you. Mary Couch



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