



Shirley Ann Stoltenberg

January 18, 1935 - October 28, 2019

Nora Springs – Shirley Ann Stoltenberg, 84, of Nora Springs, Iowa, died Monday, October 28, 2019 at Country Meadows Assisted Living in Mason City, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Nora Springs United Methodist Church, 202 N Hawkeye Ave in Nora Springs, IA with Reverend Sue Simmons and Reverend Paul Boostrom officiating.

Interment will follow at Park Grove Cemetery in Nora Springs.

Visitation and public viewing will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31, 2019 at Sheckler Colonial Chapel, 114 N. Hawkeye Ave, Nora Springs, Iowa 50468.

In expression of sympathy, memorials may be sent in Shirley's name to the family.

Shirley was born on Jan. 18, 1935 in rural Mason City, Iowa, to Mathew and Zona Miller.

She attended and graduated school in Nora Springs, Iowa. She also attended and then graduated from Hamilton College in Mason City, Iowa in 1953. Shirley grew up the youngest of 10. She grew up in a great neighborhood with many wonderful families that turned into many lifelong friendships. In 1956 she was united in marriage to Robert (Bob) Stoltenberg, who predeceased her. To their union, 2 children were born, LuAnn and Sue. Shirley lived Nora Springs for most of her life. One of the things everyone noticed and loved about Shirley was her ever-present smile. She was very involved with her church, the Nora Springs Christian Church, where she played both the piano and organ. She also held several positions over the years on the church board as well as being elder, diaconate as well as teaching Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed baking for the church bazaars and for all the special dinners held at the church over the years. She was a long-time member of the "Giddy Biddies" card club. She worked for Dr. Bascom in Nora Springs, the Park Clinic in Mason City and at the Advertiser in Nora Springs, but also was a mother and homemaker.

Shirley loved cooking and baking. She was known for her talent for baking for her family and church as well as the whole community. She was known for her dinner rolls (Shirley's Sure shot rolls), cinnamon rolls, pies of every kind, cookies and baked goods of every kind. As a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, she always cooked their favorites. She had a garden and enjoyed the fresh vegetables that came from there and

canned them so that there was always plenty on hand for whoever needed them. She enjoyed singing and playing piano/organ for church, special occasions including weddings and funerals. She was also an avid reader, especially Amish books. She enjoyed camping for years and then traveling to most of the US with her husband by motorhome as well as taking 2 trips to Jamaica and a trip to Hawaii. Her greatest enjoyment over the past 30 years was watching NBA basketball where her favorite teams were Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat. She followed her favorite player, LeBron James, wherever he moved. Her 2nd favorite player was Dwayne Wade. She was able to give statistics for basketball to anyone who asked, as if she was a commentator. In February of 2018 she moved to Country Meadows Place Assisted Living in Mason City, Iowa. She always stated how loving all of the residents were as well as the wonderful staff. She continued to enjoy watching basketball and football and listening to music as well as reading/listening to the bible.

Throughout her life her most important relationship was her personal relationship with Jesus. She was baptized at the Nora Springs Christian Church at the age of 15. She had many close friends that she loved to spend time with. She would drive those in need to their appointments and was always there to help others, no matter what they needed.

Above all, Shirley's family was her priority in life. She was a proud mother and grandmother. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, LuAnn (Mike) Varner of Rockfalls, IA and Sue Herout and fiancé Jerry Calvert, of Nora Springs, IA; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Lance (Stephanie) Varner and their children, Keenan, Kinlee and Kasen of Ankeny, IA; Brandon (Lindsey) Varner and their children, Kennedy, Parker and Charlie of Kansas City, MO; Dan Herout and children, Noah and Ian, of North Las Vegas, NV; Eric (Lacey) Herout and their children, Abby, Lucas, Maverick and Rowen, of Dubuque, IA; Josh Herout (Jessie) and children Aiden and Elizabeth of Morris, IL; sister-in-law Delores Stoll of Manly, Iowa; as well as several loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mathew and Zona Miller; siblings, Neva, Elmer, Thelmer, Freeman, Irene, Evelyn, Ken, Lawrence and Clarence; Cherished Husband, Robert (Bob) Stoltenberg; and Grandson, Mathew Levi Varner.

Sheckler Funeral Home, 114 N. Hawkeye Ave, Nora Springs, Iowa 50468, 641-749-2210, www.colonialchapels.com

Cemetery Events

Park Cemetery

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Nora Springs, IA,

Sheckler Colonial Chapel

114 North Hawkeye Ave., Nora Springs, IA, US

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Nora Springs First United Methodist Church

Comments



“ Shirley was a wonderful, sweet, kind-hearted lady. I will always remember her smile, and the twinkle in her eye, in the years we worked together with Karen at the Nora Springs Advertiser. May God bless her always!

Mark Gruben - November 04, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - October 31, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ I will always have fond memories of your mom and dad having met them at NSCC. 2 great people. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nurse Mary P.S. now your mom will always know what your dad is doing.

mary - October 31, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



October 31, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



October 31, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



October 31, 2019 at 12:32 AM



“ Shirley was always So kind and caring. I always enjoyed her smile! I keep all of the family in my prayers. Margaret Hoel

Margaret Hoel - October 30, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ 94 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - October 30, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ I lived across the street from Shirley in 1975 when my daughter was born. We didn't know each other well, however Shirley organized a neighborhood baby shower for Kristi and myself. It was one of the kindest events of my young life. Shirley cared deeply for family, friends, and her community. She will truly be missed.

Dianne Weide - October 30, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



October 30, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ What a wonderful lady Shirley was. She had the sweetest, most sincere smile every time I saw her. She wasn't judgmental. She was just a down to earth lady with a good heart. I'm glad I knew her.

Pam McKiness - October 30, 2019 at 01:12 AM



“ With love Marilyn and Patty purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



With love Marilyn and Patty - October 29, 2019 at 10:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Stoltenberg.



October 29, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of dear Sweet , Shirley. She was loved by so many people and she shared her love with them. She will not be forgotten. God bless and comfort you all during this sad and difficult time. But be comforted for surely our dear Shirley is in the presence of Our LORD and is receiving her eternal reward. Just imagine what a wonderful time she must be having now.

Kathy and Tom Rzepczynski - October 29, 2019 at 07:07 PM