



Shirley A. Van Dyken

August 17, 1931 - June 11, 2020

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It is with great sadness that the family of Shirley A. Van Dyken (Evilsizer) announce her sudden passing on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the age of 88.

Shirley was born in Nashville, IL. Her family moved several times throughout her childhood, ending up in Grand Rapids where she graduated from South High School. After WWII, Shirley met Arny and they married in 1949. They raised five children and spent 70 years together before Arny passed just ten short months ago. Shirley was a devoted wife and mom. She took loving care of Arny for the last ten years of his life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arny; parents Quenten Evilsizer and Hazel Hendershott; and infant sister, Nancy Lee Evilsizer. She is survived by her five children Randy (Toni), Debby (Rob) Melville, Cindy (John) Herdegen, Scott (Sue), and Nancy; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and brother, Bob (Velma) Hendershott.

“I Then Shall Live” by David Phelps and Gloria Gaither

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.
I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Memorial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

Comments



“ Dear Family;
I too am saddened by Shirley's unexpected passing. It was a pleasure to frequently witness Arny and Shirley's love for each other & family. They were both a gracious and thankful couple. With caring thoughts & loving memories, my condolences to all.
Nancy Ulberg.

Nancy Ulberg - June 17 at 05:20 PM



“ To Shirley's family
My condolences to all of you. It was my pleasure to know her while I was taking care of Arny during my evening shift.
Talking with her as she shared photographs of her children and grandchildren. Laughing about great grandson Oliver and his "adult" expressions.
We will all miss her.
God bless her and her family.

Johanna Francis

Johanna Francis - July 01 at 11:48 AM