

If Roses Grow In Heaven

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord,
please pick a bunch for me,
place them in my mother's arms,
and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her I love and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek,
and hold her for awhile.*

*Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart,
that will never go away.*

In Loving Memory





Shirley Lundgren, age 98, of Pipestone, MN, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society in Pipestone.

Shirley Kathryn Marie (Molly, Katrina) Moe was born on May 27, 1924, to Martin and Ida (Olsen) Moe in Superior, Wisconsin. Shirley was the middle child and only daughter with an older brother Wayne and later joined by younger brother Sherman. Shirley grew to adulthood on 18th street in Superior. She attended and graduated from Superior High School in 1942. While in school Shirley was active in concert orchestra and played the violin. During her high school years, she worked at Bridgeman's Ice Cream Parlor and continued doing so following her graduation.

Shirley met the love of her life Robert "Bud" Lundgren in high school. During their courting years they enjoyed dances, roller skating and ice skating, golfing, and riding Shirley's Indian motorcycle (she drove of course). Shirley enjoyed watching Bud play hockey, baseball, and golf while enjoying a cold Nesbitt orange or grape soda.

Shirley and Bud were married in Superior, Wisconsin on February 25, 1943. They welcomed their first born, daughter Janice Kay on May 6, 1943. Dennis Robert on February 22, 1947, Bruce Allen on November 10, 1948, and Dawn Marie on October 5, 1958, completed the family. Two daughters were born and gained their angel wings shortly after birth on September 6, 1952, and July 14, 1953.

Shirley and Bud lived in many cities throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota before making Elkton, South Dakota their home after purchasing the Elkton Record. Shirley spent many years as a cook at SDSU in Brookings working for many different corporations. She retired from SDSU shortly before her 80th birthday in 2004. Shirley is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Elkton and the White Chapter of the Eastern Star. Shirley enjoyed bowling on teams with her son Denny, daughter Dawn, and husband Bud. She bowled in several leagues over the years in Brookings and Pipestone, MN, as well as participating in several SD state tournaments.

Shirley loved watching sports and talking about sports to anyone who asked. Her favorites were the Minnesota Twins, Vikings, and North Stars (now the Wild). Her TV was always tuned to sports of some kind. Shirley was mom to many including Beth (Kampmann) Reid who went just about everywhere with Dawn and Shirley (mom). One such adventure was a trip to the cities for the Osmond Brothers concert in 1971.

Shirley and Bud had a seasonal lot on Lake Shetek and for many years enjoying escaping to the tranquility of the lake. They made many life-long friends including Steve and Becky Ackerman, and Jen and Jolene, who became family. Shirley, grandma enjoyed having the grandchildren come and stay and always made sure to have plenty of quarters for the game room. She was the best cook and made the best Chow Mein and Swedish meatballs. Her cut-out Christmas cookies were always the first to go and gone before Christmas. She would end up having to make more with her trusty "Hamilton Beach" mixer.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bud", April 21, 2006; her daughter Janice (Lundgren) Utoft, July 3, 2013, and husband, Gary Utoft, February 23, 2015, her son Dennis, July 8, 2017; her grandsons Joel Lundgren, June 30, 2014, and Christopher Utoft, February 23, 2020.

Shirley is lovingly remembered by her son Bruce and wife Renay Lundgren and daughter Dawn and husband Scott Wilson; daughter-in-law, Deanna Lundgren; grandchildren: Staci Smith-Utoft, Jennifer (Lundgren) and Lance Andersen, Timothy Utoft, Jodi (Lundgren) and Jayme Black, Jamie and Carey Kuehl, Jeffrey and Jenny Utoft, Jeremy and Rebecca Lundgren, Bradley and Katie Kuehl, Gregory and Amanda Kuehl, Georgianna (Lundgren) and Steve Jensen, Scott Lundgren, Jeena (Lundgren) and Jason Stanford, and Jessica Lundgren; great-grandchildren: Mickenna Andersen and fiancé' Cole Crittenden, Marissa (Andersen) and husband Jake Kamrass, McKeely, Macyn, and Malea Andersen (mom Jennifer); Disa and Huxley Black (mom Jodi); Wyatt Stanford (mom Jeena); Harrison and Natalie Utoft (dad Christopher); Cece and Callen Utoft (dad Jeffrey); Chloe, Hannah, and Jocelyn Lundgren (dad Jeremy); Maya and Madelyn Jensen (mom Georgianna); Logan and Payton Kuehl (dad Jamie); Justice, Brystel, and Berit Kuehl (dad Bradley); and Kaden and Kaylee Kuehl (dad Gregory).

In Loving Memory of
Shirley Lundgren
May 27, 1924 February 14, 2023

Funeral Service

*10:30 A.M. Monday, February 20, 2023
United Parish of Elkton
Elkton, South Dakota*

Clergy

Pastor Darin Junker

Music

*Susan Sudtelge—Pianist
Melissa Wiskur—Vocalist*

*Amazing Grace
Abide With Me
In The Garden*

Pallbearers

*Timothy Utoft Jamie Kuehl Jeffrey Utoft
Jeremy Lundgren Bradley Kuehl
Gregory Kuehl Scott Lundgren*

Honorary Pallbearers

Shirley's Granddaughters

*Jennifer Andersen Jodi Lundgren-Black Georgianna Jensen
Jeena Standford Jessica Lundren
Shirley's Great-Grandchildren*

Interment

*Elkton City Cemetery
Elkton, South Dakota*

Eidsness Funeral Home