

## Shirley Jeanne Menzel

Shirley was born June 30, 1922, at Dupree, SD, to Carl and Lorna (Robertson) Vance, the second of eight children. She graduated from Dupree High School in 1940, attended one year at Rapid City Business College and attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, for half a year, supporting herself there by working at

Dayton's Department Store.

During World War II, Shirley worked at a defense plant in Englewood, CA, and upon returning to South Dakota, worked for the Red Cross at the Rapid City Air Base.

On July 3, 1945, she married Frederick Menzel at Rapid City, SD. They eventually purchased the land on the south edge of Dupree that Shirley's grandparents homesteaded in 1911.

Shirley and Fred both worked at Oster's Grocery Store in Dupree. Shirley also worked in the Selective Service office for a time, at the Farm Credit Office, the Ziebach County Welfare Office and at the Farmers Home Administration, all in the courthouse at Dupree. She also helped out at the Farmers State Bank in Dupree when extra help was needed.

After Fred retired from the bank in the fall of 1991 the couple moved to Spearfish. Fred passed away on October 26, 1993, and Shirley remained in Spearfish.

Shirley was a life-long member of the United Church of Christ. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Rebekah Lodge, Merifu Extension Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Dupree Community Club, Dupree Senior Center, an active mother in Boy Scouts and 4-H, and was one of the originators of both the DHS Alumni Association and the Ziebach County Historical Society, while living in Dupree. Following the move to Spearfish, she remained active as a volunteer for RSVP, a group that assists with activities at senior living locations, the Spearfish Art in the Park, and other various events.

Shirley loved to play bingo, knit, crochet, read, work crossword puzzles, travel, play cards, and most importantly, follow the activities of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She lived in seven different locations in Spearfish, and enjoyed gaining friends at every stop. She and Fred had a cabin in Spearfish Canyon for 16 years that provided

many adventures for the grandchildren.

Shirley Jeanne Menzel, 91, of Spearfish, SD, and formerly of Dupree, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2013, at the Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her son, Robert (Dondra) Menzel, Dupree; daughter, Connie Madsen, Sandy, UT; six grandchildren, Brady (Tara) Menzel, Spearfish, CJ (Mandie) Menzel, Dupree, Rob Menzel, Minneapolis, MN, Melanie (Brent) Mareska, Timber Lake, SD, Tracy (Charlie) Trujillo, Riverton, UT, and Jason Bachand, Midvale, UT; ten great-grandchildren, Chace Bachand, Katelyn Bachand, and Hesston Davis; Brooklyn, Britain, and Gianna Menzel; Tessa, Josie, and Oakley Menzel; and Bella Liddicoat-Menzel. Shirley is also survived by four sisters, Wilma Cowan, Rapid City, Wanda Dexheimer, Spearfish, Joyce Vance, Sanger, CA, and Marilyn Wenlund, Spearfish; and one brother, Dean Vance, Spearfish.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and two brothers, Dale and Wayne Vance.

Memorials have been established to the UCC Churches in Spearfish and Dupree, the Senior Center in Spearfish, and the Ziebach County Historical Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the funeral service and at Harry's Hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Shirley Jeanne Menzel***

***Born***

June 30, 1922  
Dupree, South Dakota

***Died***

October 20, 2013  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, October 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.  
United Church of Christ  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Gordon Higgins

***Organist***

Kathy D aum

***Soloist***

Lorie Umphrey

***Musical Selections***

"In The Garden"  
"Shall We Gather At The River"

***Pallbearers***

Brady Menzel ~ CJ Menzel ~ Rob Menzel ~ Jason Bachand  
Tracy Trujillo ~ Melanie Mareska ~ Brent Mareska  
Chace Bachand ~ Hesston Davis ~ Katelyn Bachand  
Brooklyn Menzel ~ Britain Menzel ~ Gianna Menzel ~ Tessa Menzel  
Josie Menzel ~ Oakley Menzel ~ Bella Liddicoat-Menzel

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Other Family and Friends

***Interment***

Dupree Cemetery



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Shirley Menzel***

1922 ~ 2013



*She flew up to heaven  
On the wings of angels  
By the clouds and stars  
And passed where no one sees  
And she walks with Jesus  
And her loved ones waiting  
And I know she's smiling  
Saying, "Don't worry 'bout me."*

*From "Grandma's Song"  
by Alan Jackson*