



Shirley Ann Fredericksen

October 13, 1939 - April 17, 2025

Shirley Ann Rowe Fredericksen was born October 13, 1939 to George and Anne Rowe in Arnolds Park, Iowa. She was the fourth child of five siblings. She grew up in Lake Park, graduating from Lake Park High School in 1957. Shirley loved all extracurricular activities, especially softball and basketball. She was thrilled when her team made it to the Iowa State Basketball Tournament in Des Moines her senior year.

Shirley attended Iowa State Teachers College, UNI, graduating with a BA and teaching certificate. She taught Home Economics for 7 years in Graettinger, Iowa.

In 1962 Shirley was united in marriage to Jim Fredericksen and they were blessed with two boys, Jamie and Jeff. In 1968 they moved from Estherville, Iowa to Carlisle, Iowa where she substitute taught and was a telephone operator in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1973 the family moved to Spirit Lake and in 1975 moved to Lake Park and built the Lake Park Auto Parts, a NAPA store. Shirley continued to work in the NAPA store until she retired after 35 years in business. She sold the store to her son, Jamie.

Shirley had many occupations during her lifetime and she loved every moment of each one. She was a people person, she loved helping others, be it her customers, students, or neighbors and friends. She always put others ahead of herself. She loved to cook and bake, and was often found on a friends doorstep with something delicious she had made to share.

Shirley loved to play games of all kinds. She loved to play board games with

Terry's grandson, Trey, whom she loved very much. She enjoyed playing cards at singles club, or just with friends. She enjoyed bus trips, especially the Reading Bus trips with Bud and Sharon Fritz. She made many good friends on those trips. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing, cooking and sewing, even sewing suits for her boys when they were young.

Shirley was an active member of the Lake Park Methodist Church. She was also active in the community, supporting school and community activities. She served on the board of the Lake Park Chamber of Commerce and also on the board of the Iowa Automotive Wholesalers Association.

Shirley was divorced in 1990. She was healthy all of her life until she was diagnosed with cancer in 2015. She was able to stay in her own home with the help of her longtime friend, Terry Anderson. Even after the cancer problem, Shirley enjoyed being busy. She had a big garden, and she was always up for a cup of tea or coffee and some conversation. She loved visiting with her Canadian cousins, whether on the phone or at the reunions. She loved her two sons and she loved life in general and it showed.

Left to cherish her memory is her son Jeff Fredericksen of Newnan, Georgia, her long time friend, Terry Anderson, of Milford, her brother Robert (Denise) Rowe of Afton, Iowa, sister-in-law, Carol Rowe of Lake Park, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, George and Anne Rowe, son, Jamie Fredericksen, her sisters and brother-in-laws, Joyce (Don) Mader, and Elaine (Earl) Brown, and brother Charles Rowe.

On Thursday evening, April 17th, 2025, Shirley peacefully lost her battle with cancer. May she rest in peace until we meet again.

A celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Lake Park United Methodist Church in Lake Park. Burial will be held at a later date in the Silver Lake Cemetery in Lake Park. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

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Cemetery Details

Silver Lake Cemetery

140th Ave
Lake Park, IA 51347

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1471 135th Ave
Lake Park, IA 51347

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 20, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Fredericksen.*



June 18, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ *The Goodell's lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



The Goodell's - June 18, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *Terry, So sorry for you losing your good friend Shirley. My mom and her lived next to each other and were good neighbors. I would like to express my condolences to you.- Leyla Fischer*

Leyla Fisher - May 01, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *She was such a nice and happy person always friendly.*

Tom Bannor - April 25, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DW

“ *My sympathy to Shirley's family*



Deb Wilcox - April 24, 2025 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ *JEFFREY W VANDER SLUIS lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



JEFFREY W VANDER SLUIS - April 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM

LM

“ *Shirley encouraged my future husband, Bob Schmitz, to attend the singles' events. He attended his first dance at Village West, where I happened to be attending my first singles' dance with a girlfriend-coworker who had encouraged me to go. Bob and I started dancing that evening, both at our first Singles' Dance, and we ended up getting married three years later. To recognize their help in getting us to the dance, Bob and I had Shirley and my friend cut cake at our wedding. I'm glad to have known Shirley.*

— Linda McGinty

Linda McGinty - April 22, 2025 at 03:52 PM

GG

“ *What a loving and positive person you will ever meet. It was a pleasure to have Shirley cross our path. Gary & De*

Gary Glood - April 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

KA

“ *Kurt & Bonnie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



Kurt & Bonnie Anderson - April 22, 2025 at 09:24 AM

AH

“ *Il met Shirley through singles club, and played many card games with her,, such a friendly and always happy,, We will miss her....*

Anna Mae Howard - April 21, 2025 at 07:13 PM

BK

“ *My condolences on the loss of your mother, may she rest in peace.*



Brian Kessler - April 21, 2025 at 02:46 PM

KK

“ Kevin T. Kuehl lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Kevin T. Kuehl - April 21, 2025 at 02:27 PM

ML

“ Michelle Lundgren lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Michelle Lundgren - April 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

RI

“ Ruth Ihnen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Ruth Ihnen - April 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MR

“ I met Shirley through my father, Jerome. But she was friends with my aunt when they were in school, too. She was always a thoughtful, sharing and energetic person. I am happy to have had her in my life. Monica Millsap Rasmussen

Monica Rasmussen - April 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ To the Frederickson family - Shirley was a good friend. She will be missed. Jerome Millsap and Faye Johnson



Jerome Millsap - April 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Greg & Dee Baloun - April 21, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SG

“ Shon & Missy Gembler lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Shon & Missy Gembler - April 21, 2025 at 09:15 AM

FJ

“ Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen



Fran Jungjohan - April 20, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JC

“ *John Crosby III / Kelly Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



John crosby III / kelly carpenter - April 20, 2025 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ *Such an energetic positive lady, Shirley you will be missed by many. Prayers to the family.*



Jeanie Hawn - April 20, 2025 at 12:20 PM

KK

“ *Kris Dean And Jeff Kruger lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



Kris Dean and Jeff Kruger - April 20, 2025 at 08:45 AM

GC

“ *Gary & Cathy Cohrs lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Fredericksen*



Gary & Cathy Cohrs - April 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DG

“ Christian sympathies to Shirley's family and friends. I am thankful that she is free from the pains and trials of this world. Blessings.

Donna Gray - April 19, 2025 at 12:58 PM

JK

Really sorry to read that Shirley Rowe Fredericksen passed away. She played a really big part in life itself as well as in the lives of others.

John B. Krumm - April 24, 2025 at 10:13 PM

LR

Shirley and I were roommates for 3 years in college, bowled, golfed together and remained friends for many many years.....many great memories over the years! So very hard to think of her not being in Lake Park!!! Lola Read

Lola Read - May 07, 2025 at 11:03 PM