



## Shirley A. Geiger

April 22, 1930 - October 2, 2020

Shirley A. Geiger, 90, of Okoboji passed away on Friday, October 2, 2020 at her home in Okoboji. Graveside services for Shirley will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020 in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Shirley was born on April 22, 1930 in Cylinder, IA to Truman and Ella (Birkland) Thompson. She graduated from Cylinder High School and earned her degree in teaching from UNI. She taught high school P.E. for many years. She was united in marriage to Richard Geiger on August 7, 1976 in Cylinder, IA. After her marriage, Shirley helped Richard in the office at his dental practice until their retirement when they moved to Okoboji.

The couple moved to Cedar Rapids where Richard practiced Oral Surgery at his own practice. After retirement, the couple moved to Okoboji to live while also spending their winters at their condo in Longboat Key, FL. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. In her free time, she enjoyed shopping and collecting various Knick Knacks. She enjoyed telling the story about how each one came into her collection.

She is survived by her step daughter Valerie (Steve) Padia of Hurst, TX; 2 step grandchildren; 2 step great great grandchildren; niece Julie (Dan) Doxtad of Galva, IA; great nephews James, Matthew (Megan), Lucas (Donna) and

David (Jenna) Doxtad; 8 great great nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and her brother Willard "Whitey" (Elaine) Thompson.

# Tribute Wall

DY

“ I am so very sorry. I knew something was wrong when I didn't hear from her on my Birthday. She had never forgot it in 47 years. I did Shirley's hair when she lived in Cedar Rapids. She was the most kind, thoughtful person I have ever met. I loved our visits, and even though we didn't see each other, we always had wonderful conversations on the phone. She was always interested in my Family and what was going on in my life. I will miss her. Deb Yeisley, Springville, IA

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**Deb Yeisley** - January 03, 2021 at 07:40 PM

DS

“ I am stunned, shocked and saddened to learn of Shirleys passing on, this morning. I had not heard from her since we arrived back in CA. October 10th and had this terrible feeling that something was wrong. I went to the obit web site this morning, why, I don't know and I can't believe what I read.

Shirley was my typing teacher when I was a sophomore at Ida Grove HS in 1952. We became good friends over the years and I had great respect for her as a teacher, friend and mentor. She was a big influence in my life and I am deeply indebted to her on several occasions. It was only a few months ago in a phone call that we talk about this and I thanked her personally for her help and advise. I am so happy we had that opportunity to talk about it again and I could thank her once again personally.

After graduating from ISTC I taught physical education at a HS In Cedar Rapids where Shirley was teaching PE at a Junior High and I would get her students. We continued to do things together, still attending the Girls State BB tournaments in Des Moines, going to HS sports events and of course partying. She would visit us in MN. in the summer and we had some good laughs later about meeting the game warden who pulled us over once and got my dad another time when she was there.

After I moved to CA. and Shirley and Rich attend the Iowa Rose Bowl games, they were BIG IOWA FANS!!! Bob and I would meet them at the Santa Anita Track for a day and see the horses run. Several times Rich attended a conference in Ca and Shirley and I would have lunch.

We corresponded regularly and only once did we stop at their Lake home for a visit after Rich retired.

Every email Shirley would include updates on you Julie and your family who she loved and cherished very much. Even once the covid 19 virus hit she said Julie would stop by and they would visit by the door. She missed those visits very much and the hugs Julie, you were like a daughter over the years. I know you will always have a special place in your heart for her Julie and miss her very much. I have wonderful memories of my dear friend and our times together and will miss her too.

*With loving thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May she live in our memories and heart forever. We will miss a good friend.*

*Doris Kahl Switzer*

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**Doris Switzer** - October 29, 2020 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ *Oh my, what a genuine, caring person Shirley was. Appreciated, so much, having Rich and Shirley as neighbors in years past. Just saw her at the post office recently and we were making connection plans to meet for lunch in near future. She was a blessing to know. Thankful that Heaven IS Real and we will see her again.*

*Marilyn Strickland*

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**Marilyn Strickland** - October 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM

DP

“ Our father was a neighbor and attended school with Rich and Bob. Almost every summer weekend, our parents would visit Rich and Shirley. After our father passed away, Rich and Shirley were so kind and always welcomed our mother's weekend visits at Okoboji.

Shirley remained a good friend following Rich's passing and regularly communicated throughout the year via email with our mother. When our mother became ill, Shirley would periodically check how she was doing and kept her spirits high with her grand summer plans.

She was a kind, considerate, and a loyal friend. May she rest in peace.

*The Perrott Family*

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**David Perrott** - October 08, 2020 at 03:29 PM

EB

“ Shirley and Richard put me up for a night when I road through on RAIGBRAI. Great hosts!

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**Eldon Berkland** - October 06, 2020 at 02:58 PM

DP

“ Shirley was a first cousin. Older than I by enough that I always looked up to her and thought she was a great role model, full of life, ideas, fashion, and a PE teacher. She was very independent as a young professional and seemed boldly competent with a ready laugh. She will be missed down here in Florida!  
She was a classy, caring woman! Diana Pals

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**Diana Pals** - October 05, 2020 at 06:34 PM

AK

“ I'm so sad to hear of Shirley's passing. We just talked the day before about, about how blessed we are to have enjoyed our years of life. How much we missed our husbands and how we never know when it's our time. I will miss all our talks about sports, politics, hair and her stories of her teaching career. Rest in JESUS arms. I miss you.

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**Arlene Krogman** - October 05, 2020 at 08:24 AM

SR

“ We were saddened to hear of Shirley's passing. So sorry we could not visit her recently because of Covid. She was so full of life and kept Rich (as she called him) on track. Shirley and Richard will always hold a special place in our hearts.  
Love, Scott and Rose Robertson



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**Scott and Rose Robertson** - October 04, 2020 at 10:10 PM

GB

“ We will miss dear cousin and good friend Shirley. We enjoyed great times with her and Richard for years both in Florida and Okoboji. We will miss celebrating special occasions, going to OST plays, and discussing by phone Hawkeye football and basketball games as they were happening. We love you, dear Shirley. Gary and Carolyn Berkland

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**Gary Berkland** - October 04, 2020 at 09:14 PM

JC

“ My memories of Shirley began when she was an "older" cousin that seemed to be able to do everything, later it was fun visiting her and Richard at Sarasota in the winter home. To Julie and her family I am sorry for your loss. JoyCe Crespin

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**JoyCe Crespin** - October 04, 2020 at 06:13 PM

BK

“ Dave and Becky Klohs we knew Shirley and Richard from Okoboji Shores we loved to visit with them and will always remember Shirleys laughter we loved to be around them. May they Rest In Peace.

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**Becky Klohs** - October 03, 2020 at 03:44 PM

DB

“ Dee and Del Block were very sorry to learn of the passing of a dear friend, Shirley Geiger. After my Company transferred me to Cedar Rapids in 1978 we met Shirley and Rich at the Emerson Country Club golf course sharing many enjoyable rounds of golf and other activities. When Rich retired as a dental surgeon Rich and Shirley retired to the Iowa Great Lakes area. Since Dee and I lived in Spirit Lake a number of years, we would return annualy for family gatherings and renew our relationship with the Geigers remembering the many memories we shared.

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**Del Block** - October 03, 2020 at 03:27 PM