



Shirley Lavon Morris

May 13, 1931 - September 3, 2015

Shirley Lavon Morris passed away on September 3, 2015, in her home surrounded by her family. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake, IA. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be given in Shirley's name to the Spirit Lake Public Library. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born in Greenville, IL, on May 13, 1931, to Harold and Hattie (Sykes) Smith. She graduated with honors from Garfield-Webb High School in 1949. She received her Teacher's Certification in 1950, after attending Iowa State Teacher's College and Buena Vista College.

She and Richard were married on May 27, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Webb, IA. They accepted their first teaching positions in Everly, IA. Shirley taught second and third grades in subsequent years. They then moved to Rolfe, where she taught first grade for two years. In 1956, they moved to Spirit Lake, IA, where Shirley became a substitute teacher in the elementary schools in the lakes region. She was also a Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. She was an assistant librarian in the Spirit Lake Public Library for many years, worked as an assistant to the principal at Arnolds Park Elementary and worked at Hill Avenue bookstore. She also did volunteer work for the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and the Census Bureau.

Shirley had a lifelong love of books and of music which she loved sharing with

her children. She was member of the First Presbyterian Church choir and of Sweet Adeline's singing group. She also enjoyed gardening, watching birds, walking the local trails and traveling with Richard.

She was preceded in death by her father; mother; and her sister, Lois.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Richard; her daughters Marga and Debby; and her sons Jeff and Mike (Lisa); her four grandchildren, Christina (Steve), Kym (Adam), Ben and Megan; her four great-grandchildren, Lauren, Nathan, Isaac and Blake; her brothers, Lloyd (Pat) and Roger (Sharon); and her sister, Joyce; and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Shirley Lavon Morris

Dennis Hercules - April 08, 2016 at 10:04 AM

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Dennis Hercules - April 08, 2016 at 09:56 AM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a special person and we will all miss her. Our sincere sympathy to your family.

Alan and Reba (Dodds) Munson - September 13, 2015 at 09:06 AM

CI

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your wife and mother, she was a shining star for all of you and so wonderful she was able to spend her final days in her home with family.....may you find peace in God during the many hard days ahead.

Cheryl Hummel Ihry - September 10, 2015 at 10:12 PM

KM

“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed the times we were in Bible study together and enjoyed seeing her at the book store.

Kathy McNeill - September 09, 2015 at 08:50 PM

AJ

“ Our deepest condolences to the Morris Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We have many happy memories of good times shared with your family and hope those memories bring you comfort in time. Love, The Curtis Jacobsen Family

Andrea Jacobsen - September 09, 2015 at 05:01 PM

WM

“ Dear Dick and family. Our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your loved one. We know she will be missed, but is now in the Lord's arms.

Walt and Cheryl Mier - September 08, 2015 at 05:32 PM

EG

“ Dick, Mike and the rest of the Morris family, May many wonderful memories of brighter days in Shirley's life help you through the these times.

Elaine Greer - September 08, 2015 at 12:47 PM

DB

“ Dick and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Shirley. She will be missed. My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Broocks

Dayle Broocks - September 08, 2015 at 11:31 AM

MJ

“ Shirley Lavon Morris

Mary ann/Larry Jansen - September 05, 2015 at 01:58 PM

LH

“ *Shirley was a woman to admire....*

Laurie Huseman - September 04, 2015 at 06:57 PM

PR

“ *Dear Morris family,
My thoughts are with you with the loss of Shirley. Lots of memories
for you all to share these next days. Prayers and hugs.*

Peggy Rick - September 04, 2015 at 04:33 AM