



Shirley Olson

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Shirley Lou Olson, age 79 of Denton, Texas, formerly of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away Thursday, December 16, 2010. She was born on September 26, 1931, in Burlington, Iowa, to Louis and Frieda (Thye) Wiemer. Shirley graduated from Burlington High School in 1949. She furthered her education in liberal arts at Southeastern Community College. Shirley was united in marriage to Carl Olson on October 28, 1954, in Burlington. Shirley and Carl made their home in Ottumwa, Iowa, for nearly thirty years. While in Ottumwa Shirley was employed with Sears as a Service Manager, King Realty as a real estate agent, and Cablevision in Ottumwa, Washington, and Oskaloosa as Operations Manager. Shirley and Carl moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa in 1987. While living in Spirit Lake Shirley managed and then owned the Mother Goose clothing stores located in Spirit Lake and the Central Emporium on West Lake Okoboji. Shirley sincerely cared for the many young people that worked for her over the years. Shirley was enthusiastic about her business and would greet every customer that walked through her door with an appreciative smile. Shirley and Carl loved the Okoboji area and spent many Sundays going for drives around Big Spirit and walks in the prairies. They spent much of the cold winter in the warmer weather of Texas. After Carl'