



Shirley J. Timmins

March 28, 1923 - November 19, 2012

Shirley Jean (Latham, Campbell) Timmins was born March 28, 1923 to Ida E. (Ford) Latham and Theodore E. Latham at Fort Dodge, Ia. She attended school in Ft. Dodge until 10th grade. Family moved to Rockwell City for one year then moved to Cherokee, Ia. Shirley attended Immaculate Conception school, graduating in 1941. She then went to Clark College in Dubuque, Ia. When WWII broke out her family moved to Waukegan, Illinois, where her stepfather was stationed. Shirley worked as a bookkeeper at that time.

On November 4, 1944, Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Claude R. Timmins. Their early years after the war were spent living in towns in Northwest Iowa, eventually settling in Estherville, where they had Timmins Insurance and Real Estate. They had five children: Tom, Rick, Barb, Joe, and Betty.

Shirley lived an extremely fulfilled life while being a loyal and devoted wife and mother. She perused magazines and cookbooks and later watched the cooking shows to find the perfect meal to serve to her family and friends. The role of snowbird fit her well. For many years she would travel with Claude to their homes in the Phoenix area to golf for six months and return to her beloved Lake Okoboji the other six months each year. No matter where she lived she had many friends that were drawn to her. Her legacy is laden with her solid values of compassion, patience, and kindness. She never had an

unkind word to say about anyone. Shirley's focus was family first. The day before she died she saw 11 of her family members from around the world on Skype, as she would brag to anyone that would listen at the Milford Care Center. Moments before she left this earth, Shirley's laugh was heard coming from her room.

Shirley is survived by her 5 children, Tom and his four children, Jasmin, Caraway, Joe, and Dan and their spouses; Rick, wife, Marcia, and daughter, Tracy; Barb (Hetzl) and son, Kortland; Joe, wife, Diane, and son, Jacob; and Betty (Fettig), (Shirley's favorite son-in-law), Rick; 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and one dog, Benji. She is preceded in death by Claude and numerous family and friends.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00A.M. Saturday, December 15, 2012, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford. There will be one hour of visitation held prior to the service at the church.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Mom, thanks for being such a great mom to five kids. You managed to raise all five of us..trying to keep all of our personalities and escapades in life separate, as if we were only children! Mom, you never complained about any of the bad times in your life, as you never bragged about all of your achievements! I learned so much about perseverance from you....And, even though you would have liked to have all of your kids and grand kids live nearer to you, you encouraged us to get further education so that we would be employable, wherever we traveled and worked. I know you worked your magic with dad to always make sure your family could come home for fun reunions in the summers. Thank you for that! Jim and Kortland always looked forward to our reunions..even more than I did. I hate to say it, (now I am turning into my mother!) but I started cutting and collecting recipes.. My cupboard runeth over with recipes I will never cook..but I think.." mom would like this one..hey, this one is a good "diet' one!" Thanks mom, this rosary is for you!
xoxoxoxo Barb

Barb Hetzel, daughter - December 09, 2012 at 02:33 PM

SN

“ Aunt Shirley always had a level of class and dignity second to none. She truly loved her family. She was very special to us all.

Susie Nadolski - December 04, 2012 at 10:08 PM

BE

“ I will always wonder what mom was laughing about right before she died. She deserved the peace she is now experiencing. Say "hello" to dad for me, mom.

Betty - November 29, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JL

“ Shirley was a very sweet woman. She bought "Benji" from us. I knew he would be loved and well taken care of. I am sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman. May God Wrap his loving arms around you in your time of sorry. When things settle down...I would love a photo of Benji. Thank you.

Julie Lyons - November 27, 2012 at 07:49 AM

MD

“ Always enjoyed Shirley and Claude as nieghbors for years in Eville and Okoboji . I have very happy memories visiting with them . Feel very sad that those days are over . I ate a donut for Shirley a few days after her death and my conversation with Barb the day she died. Love and sympathy to all of you . I will see you the day of the funeral. Love you all

mary Kay Donovan - November 26, 2012 at 10:29 PM

MR

“ I remember Shirley as the sweet little lady that lived next door. I would meet her outside walking cute little Benjie, whom Claude didn't like. They were such a neat couple. We all at Villa*8 talk about them often and certainly do miss them. My prayers are for the family.

Marjorie Roelofsen - November 23, 2012 at 09:33 AM

SB

“ I don't have a single childhood memory that doesn't include Claude and Shirley and most of the Timmon's family. I know that both of them are celebrating thanksgiving with Bill and Rose and Monsignor Duhig. My love and thoughts with all the Timmons's family! Jay and I will be at the big table for thanksgiving tommarrow but will be looking at the kids table thinking of Joe and Betty!

Stephen Bennett - November 21, 2012 at 10:36 PM

PD

“ Shirley was like a second mother to me over the years. She always had such a warm smile and such a welcoming personality. It was an honor to have had her as a part of my life.

Patsy Boies Donovan - November 21, 2012 at 06:45 PM

RI

“ What a great Mom she was. She instilled high moral values in her children, while encouraging curiosity, creativity and a love of life. We miss you, Mom.

Rick - November 21, 2012 at 01:54 PM