



Shirley Lee Wagner

March 26, 1936 - December 25, 2018

Shirley Lee Wagner, 82, of Chapman passed away on December 25, 2018. Service and celebration of Shirley's life will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Grand Island. Reverend Edgar L. Schambach Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in the Chapman Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Shirley was born March 26, 1936 on the family farm at Dannebrog, the daughter of Carl and Minnie Rief. Growing up on the farm, Shirley was her father's "hired man" while her brother was in the service. She graduated from Dannebrog High School and attended Kearney State Teachers' College receiving her teaching certificate. She taught school at Dannebrog, Stolley Park and Chapman Public Schools.

On February 15, 1959, Shirley married Lloyd "Bud" Wagner. The couple made their home near Chapman, and she worked alongside her spouse caring for the animals and spent many days doing fieldwork. Over the years she had various employment off the farm, including Cowton Insurance Agency, Consumer Credit, Grand Island Independent and the Census Bureau.

A member of the Lutheran faith, Shirley was confirmed and baptized at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Dannebrog and attended St. Pauls Lutheran Church. She also attended the United Methodist Church in Chapman and was a member of the Methodist Chapman Ladies group.

Shirley enjoyed included taking care of her many flower gardens and extensive vegetable gardens; traveling and genealogy. Over the years, Shirley

had adopted many cats and dogs, and enjoyed their companionship and devotion. She was an avid oil painter.

Those who will cherish her memory include her children, Leland Wagner of Denver, CO, Lynnett Wagner of Omaha and Lorene Hetherington of Dublin, OH; two wonderful grandchildren, Ashley Morgan Hetherington and William Lloyd Hetherington; sister-in-law, Loretta Wiese (Derald Deselms) of Grand Island; along with numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, in 2015; her parents; brother and sister-in-law, Wallace and Irene Rief; and sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Mark Petersen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Methodist Hospital Foundation-Cancer Care Center, St. Pauls Lutheran Church, or Chapman United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 South Harrison Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Lee Wagner

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Wagner "kids",
What a wonderful legacy of good times you have! Your mother was a kind and supportive mother. Peace to her and peace of mind to you.
Mark and Jane Gloor

Mark Gloor - December 31, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ We cut silage for Bud and Shirley several years ago. Leland came and helped. It was sorta a zoo. Buds chopper broke and Harold's chopper broke. Our chopper cracked the main gear case. Bill Green welded it for us. Shirley kept us fed and in line. We actually got done! I always enjoyed her flowers, too! by ron mcneff

Ronald MCNEFF - December 30, 2018 at 10:33 PM



“ Lynnett, You have my thoughts and prayers. Though I didn't know your mother, I know you had a special relationship with her. I have many memories of you and I working together with children when you were in Grand Island, I remember you talking about your parents and your work on the farm. I am glad we had a chance to visit at First National Bank less than a month ago. When the grief process begins talk out loud to God and tell him what you are feeling, then start thinking of fond and positive memories. It has worked for me. Diann Muhlbach

Diann Muhlbach - December 30, 2018 at 03:37 PM

JB

“ I remember Shirley & Bud both from growing up in Chapman. Very sweet lady. My sympathies. Judy Post Balka

Judy Post Balka - December 29, 2018 at 10:20 AM

RH

“ I met Shirley through her eldest daughter, Lynnett, when the latter and I were trudging our way through Georgetown University Law Center years ago. Shirley was warmly supportive of both of us in becoming lawyers, and I came to know her as an intriguing mix of loving Midwestern directness and savvy political analytical ability — with just enough stubbornness to get things done. So when Shirley came to Washington, D.C. to lobby for farmers’ concerns, I always felt a bit sorry for Capitol Hill staffers who may have underestimated her at first! My husband, Michael Knipe, and I appreciate how much her children and grandchildren will miss her. — Rosemary Harold

Rosemary Harold - December 28, 2018 at 07:51 PM

RK

“ Rosemary Harold & Michael Knipe purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Lee Wagner.



Rosemary Harold & Michael Knipe - December 28, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Lee Wagner.*



December 28, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Shirley Lee Wagner.*



December 28, 2018 at 04:58 PM