

# Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,  
so very close to you.  
For they knew the *pain and suffering*  
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,  
as I held tightly to your hand.  
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong  
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,  
to that place beyond the sky.  
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,  
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,  
for I wanted you to stay.  
So we could walk and talk again,  
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,  
and I knew He loved you so.  
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,  
*the gift of letting go.*

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES  
of the love you gave to me  
*Until we meet again* in heaven,  
where the best is yet to be.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Shirley VanVeldhuizen

MARCH 29, 1935 – JUNE 9, 2022



## **Memorial Service:**

Friday, June 24, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM  
American Reformed Church  
Worthington, MN

## **Officiated by:**

Pastor Alan Salwei

## **Music:**

Organist: Sherri Hietbrink  
Soloist: Sandra Rieck  
"How Great Thou Art"

## **Hymns:**

"In The Garden"  
"What a Day That Will Be"  
"On Eagles Wings"

## **Urbearers:**

(Grandchildren)  
Brittany, Natosha, Haylee  
Tyrus, Travis, Jevin

## **Interment:**

Worthington Cemetery  
Worthington, MN

**S**hirley Joan (Aberson) VanVeldhuizen, daughter of Bert and Jennie (Geurink) Aberson, was born March 29, 1935 in Orange City, IA. She attended country school south of Orange City. She was united in marriage to Kenneth VanVeldhuizen on November 11, 1960 in Orange City, IA. The couple farmed in Hospers, IA. In 1974, they moved to a farm north of Reading, MN. They retired from farming in 1999 and moved to Worthington. While in Worthington, Shirley and Ken delivered papers for the Daily Globe. Ken passed away July 3, 2019. Shirley continued to live in Worthington until the time of her death.

Shirley was a member of the American Reformed Church in Worthington. She enjoyed embroidering, baking, playing games, watching gameshows and spending time with family.

Shirley is survived by two daughters: Jennifer (Scott) DeCramer of Worthington and Shelley Gronewold of Las Vegas, NV; six grandchildren: Brittany (Dusty) Haskins, Natosha (Brian) Escalante, Haylee Behrends, Tyrus (friend, Sarahi Pereyra) Gronewold, Travis Behrends and Jevin Gronewold; six great-grandchildren: Kiara, Ashton, Kendryn, Kinley, Koralyn and Kayde; five siblings: Betty Engeltjes of Edgerton, Jeane VanVeldhuizen of Sanborn, IA, Esther VanDenBerg of Rock Valley, IA, Gilbert (Thelma) Aberson of Orange City, IA and Will (Darlene) Aberson of Orange City, IA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth VanVeldhuizen; grandson: Zachary Behrends; her parents; sisters: Wilmina Cleveringa and Joan Dykstra; brother: John Aberson and brothers-in-law: Bernie Engeltjes, Gene VanVeldhuizen, Darrell VanDenBerg, Nick Cleveringa and Jake Dykstra.



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