



Shirley Lorraine Jensen was born on January 25, 1935, to Pete and Lena Marcus. Shirley grew up on the family farm near Prinsburg and enjoyed her farm life. She was very active in 4H showing her Angus at the MN State Fair at the age of 15. Shirley graduated from Clara City High School in 1952 where her Motto recorded in the year book was "Variety is the spice of life – don't try one, try them all." And boy did she live out this Motto in her life to the fullest. After graduation Shirley went off to the Twin Cities to work for the phone company.

On July 1, 1961, Shirley married Curtis "Curt" Jensen at the First Christian Reformed Church in Prinsburg. Soon there after Curt and Shirley became founding members of the Willmar Christian Reformed Church, now Rock of Life. They were very active members there, as Shirley taught Sunday school, Gems, and led a Friendship class.

Curt and Shirley enjoyed more than 59 years of marriage. They loved their life of travel to places like Hawaii, Nashville, Florida, and many other locations. They also enjoyed plenty of time spent with their family at their cabin on Lake Florida. Shirley loved baking and being outside gardening or sprucing up the yard. Shirley spent many years as a daycare mother, loving and nurturing many small children. In 1981, Shirley started to work for the Willmar Public Schools as the Offset Operator. At this time, she also began to sell tickets for all of the Willmar High School Activities. She loved doing this as she was able to meet so many people. She was known around town as the "ticket lady." She retired from the school system in 1996 but continued to sell tickets into her 80s.

After Curt passed away on September 26, 2020, Shirley moved onto the lake at Lake Minnetonka Shores in Spring Park, MN. She enjoyed a full life there participating in bingo, art class, choir, church, and many festive parties, as well as boating and fishing on Lake Minnetonka. She was sure not to miss one activity, it was tough for her family to keep up with her! She enjoyed many friendships with residents and staff that became family to her. Shirley loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was someone that we all admired. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family wishes to say a special thank you to Lake Minnetonka Shores for all the love and care they provided her.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff (Jane) Jensen of Willmar and Dan (Julianne Amendola) Jensen of Phelps Island-Lake Minnetonka; one daughter, Sandi (Dave) VandenEinde of Independence and their two daughters, Emma and Abbie VandenEinde. She is also survived by one brother, Carl (Shirley) Marcus of Willmar; and her brother-in-law, Bob Moore of Rapid City, South Dakota, besides many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Curt; her brother, Dale and his wife, Audrey; and her sister, Rachel Moore.

Celebrating the Life of



Shirley L. Jensen

1935 - 2023



"I'M FREE"

*Don't grieve for me
for now I'm free,
I'm following the path
God laid for me
I took his hand
when I heard him call,*

I turned my back and left it all

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Loving Memory Of

Shirley L. Jensen

January 25, 1935
Prinsburg, Minnesota

December 18, 2023
Spring Park, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, December 23, 2023 - 12:30 p.m.

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude

Shirley Rolffs

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Time of Remembrance

Duet

"Oh How Marvelous"

Emma and Abbie VandenEinde

Scripture

Isaiah 40:26-31

Message

Pastor Les Kuiper

Prayer

Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Blessing

Postlude

Casketbearers

Steve Barney

Janelle Field

Darin Jensen

Greg Marcus

Perry Marcus

Ross Marcus

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Willmar, Minnesota