



For Those I Love, For Those Who Love Me

When I am gone release me, please just let me go.
I have so many things to do, I leave you now and so;
You must not suffer for my loss or bother with the tears
Just be grateful we shared all these many years;
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How in return you gave me so much happiness;
I thank you for the love each of you have shown
But now it's time I traveled went on ahead alone;
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must
But know that I am now with the Lord I trust;

It's only for a while that we must be apart
I am there in the memories encased within your heart;
I won't be far, for life will go on some.
When you need me, call me, and I will come;
You won't see me nor touch me, but I'll be near.
Never too far to comfort your hurt or a tear
Listen to your heart...my whispers you'll hear.
All my love around you soft and near.

When your time has come to make your way alone
I'll greet you, smile, and whisper..."Welcome Home."

Shirley Ann Kluver

November 17, 1934 † December 6, 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 11:00 AM
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Father Matthew Kuhn

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Megan Schultz & Justin Schultz

PIANIST

Luke VanOverbeke

CANTOR

Erin Takle

PALLBEARERS

Randy Mayer, Alyssa Kluver, Jared Kluver
Justin Schultz, Megan Schultz, Hannah Mayer

HONARY PALLBEARERS

ALL OF SHIRLEY'S FELLOW RED HAT LADIES

GIFT BEARERS

Tony Dropik, Tim Hartman, Heather Hoeschen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Judy Koep & Hollie Kulzer

ENTOMBMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Shirley Ann Dropik was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Anton and Ida (Swehla) Dropik on November 17, 1934. When she was four years old her parents purchased the Dropik Homestead in Leaf Valley, Minnesota. She was baptized in the Catholic Church, confirmed at Seven Dolors, and attended school at St. Mary's in Millerville.

As a child, Shirley was one of ten children and was kept very busy on the farm – milking cows, gardening, and harvesting grain. As her dad was a gourmet cook and previous restaurant owner in Elk River, all of the children learned to cook his specialties. After high school Shirley started working part time at an insurance adjusting office and was eventually hired on full time at Western Adjusting & Inspecting. She loved this job until Don Krueger offered her a job at Rexall Drug as a pharmacy clerk, which she took. Then, when that company went out of business, she went to work at Trumm Drug, where she worked for nearly twenty years. Shirley also worked at the “Gambles Store” because she loved music and dancing. Her dad played the accordion and taught all the children to dance, which Shirley loved and was good at.

Then, while at a dance in 1953, Shirley met the love of her life, Henry Kluver. The couple danced together for a year before marrying on April 21, 1954. The couple danced together their whole marriage until Henry's passing in 2017, and met many wonderful dancing friends. They were also a part of a dancing club called the Heartland Polka Swingers and would travel to many states to dance. Besides dancing together, Shirley and Henry enjoyed camping with their family and friends.

Together, Shirley and Henry welcomed three children: Carol, Curtis and Kelly. The family enjoyed living by South Lake Victoria for over sixty years, and also enjoyed the many walks, nature hikes, and times spent swimming at both Lake Victoria and Lake Burgen. Shirley especially enjoyed these things when the grandchildren started to arrive. She also liked to take her grandchildren to Inspiration Peak every fall. Then, on the way always stopping at “Our Lady of the Hills” to say a little prayer.

Shirley will forever be remembered for her flower gardens, her meticulous planning, and her love of playing cards with her family whom she loved dearly, especially her grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory are her children: Carol Mayer of Alexandria, Kelly (Larry) Schultz of Alexandria, Curt Kluver of Loveland, Colorado; grandchildren: Randy (Ginger) Mayer, Alyssa Kluver, Jared Kluver, Justin Schultz, Megan Schultz, Connor Schultz; great-grandchildren: Hannah Mayer, Tayler Mayer, Kaden Kluver; siblings: Richard (Marlys) Dropik, Dale (Joann) Dropik, Arlene Thoennes, Beverly Thoennes, Patty Hartman, Diane Dropik, Judy Koep; as well as many other beloved family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Ida; her husband, Henry; brother, Willis “Bill” Dropik; sister, Betsy (Charlie) Yuetter, son-in-law, Jon Mayer; and brothers-in-law: Richard Thoennes, Arnold Thoennes, Basil Hartman, and Roman Koep.

In Loving

MEMORY



Shirley Dropik Kluver

1934 ~ 2023