

- Afterglow -

We'd like the memories of us
to be happy ones.

We'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

We'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways.

Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

We'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun.

Of happy memories
that we leave when life is done.



***Celebrating the Lives of
Marvin & Shirley Wirtjes***

FUNERAL SERVICE

Faith Lutheran Church, Morris, Minnesota
Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Reverend Emmy Swedlund

ORGANIST

Rita Lambert

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Marvin & Shirley's
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Jerry Laager
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Marvin Wirtjes

September 21, 1941 - November 4, 2022

Shirley Wirtjes

January 11, 1943 - November 4, 2022



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Marvin Henry Wirtjes, son of Henry and Margaret (Raths) Wirtjes, was born September 21, 1941 in Eldorado Township near Herman, Minnesota. He was baptized November 26, 1949 at the home of Frona Wirtjes in Morris and confirmed June 26, 1955 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Morris. Marvin grew up and attended school in Morris through eighth grade. Later in life, he went on to get his GED. He was united in marriage to Shirley Staton on September 16, 1961 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Morris. Following their marriage, Marvin and Shirley lived in Morris before making their home on a farm West of Morris, where they raised their two daughters Debbie and Terri. Marvin worked at CMI for a few years before working at the Stevens County Highway department where he worked for 33 years. Following his retirement, Marvin helped local farmers. Marvin and Shirley continued to live in Morris until the time of their passing.

Marvin enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting with his grandson Eric, handy-man work and anything to do with the outdoors. He was the happiest when working outside or helping on house projects for his family. Marvin and Shirley

loved to travel and spent many winters in Arizona and visiting their daughter Debbie in Georgia. Most of all, they loved spending time with their family, especially their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Shirley Ann Staton,

daughter of Melvin and Marcella (Logan) Staton, was born January 11, 1943 in Benson, Minnesota. She was baptized March 14, 1943 at Church of St. Francis in Benson. Shirley grew up and attended school in Benson, graduating from Benson High School in 1961. She was united in marriage to Marvin Wirtjes on September 16, 1961 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Morris. Following their marriage, Shirley and Marvin lived in Morris before making their home on a farm West of Morris, where they raised their two daughters Debbie and Terri. Shirley was a stay at home mom and later worked as a secretary at the ASCS office in Morris until her retirement. Shirley and Marvin continued to live in Morris until the time of their passing.

Shirley enjoyed gardening, fishing, making baby blankets for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, doing puzzle books, going to the casino and watching her favorite soap opera – Days of Our Lives. Shirley and Marvin loved to travel and spent many winters in Arizona and visiting their daughter Debbie in Georgia. Most of all, they loved spending time with their family, especially their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley and Marvin passed away Friday, November 4, 2022 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Shirley was 79 and Marvin was 81.

Marvin and Shirley are survived by two daughters: Debbie Fehr of Sharpsburg, GA and Terri (Kevin) Riley of Morris; five grandchildren: Derek (Ashley) Fehr, Misty Angel, Danielle (Lester) Spriggle, Whitney (Michael) Lesmeister and Eric (Shanda) Riley; eleven great-grandchildren: Mason, Maci, Chance, Ellie, Levi, Parker, Mackenzie, Hope, Maddox, Madi, Amelia and baby Riley due November 16th and Marvin's two sisters: Luella "Punky" Raasch of Morris and Shirley Pillar of Mesa, AZ; and Shirley's brother, Ron (Shirley) Tiffany of Litchfield.

They are preceded in death by their parents; Shirley's step-father, Delbert Tiffany; great-granddaughter: Savannah Angel; Marvin's brother: Paul Wirtjes; and Shirley's brother-in-law, Gary Pillar.

