

Shirley Mae Scott of Fergus Falls died at her home with her daughters by her side on May 26th, 2022 after a short battle with leukemia.

She was born on September 13, 1933 to Thore Thorstenson and Irene (Olson) at St. Luke's Hospital in Fergus Falls. She was a lifelong member of Trefoldighed Lutheran Church and was baptized, confirmed, and married there in addition to serving as a Sunday School teacher, on the Board of Deacons, and taking part in the women's organizations.

Shirley attended Rural School District 14, the Battle Lake High School, and graduated with the Fergus Falls Teachers Training Class of 1952. She also attended Interstate Business College in Fargo. After teaching in rural schools in Otter Tail County for five years she went on to be employed with the Fargo Public School System in the Consultants Office.

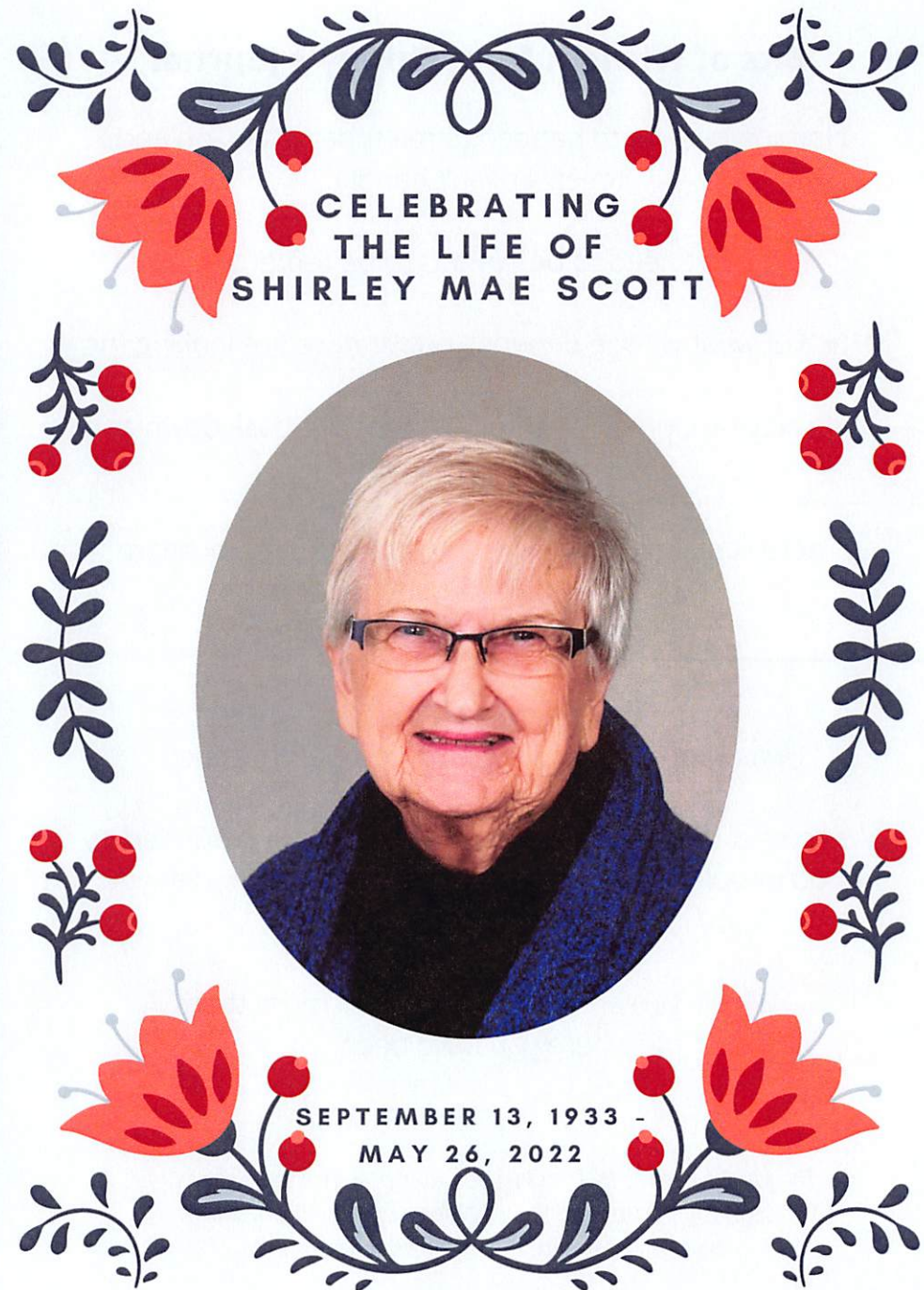
She married Bernard Scott on October 18, 1958. They made their home on the Scott Family Century Farm in Clitherall Township where they milked Jersey cows and raised their three children.

She was employed by Lutheran Social Service as the Food Service Manager of the Battle Lake Senior Nutrition Program for 16 years. She later provided respite care as an AmeriCorp volunteer. A lifelong learner, she took several classes at the Fergus Falls Community College after her retirement.

Bernard and Shirley moved off the farm in 2004 and made their home amongst many lovely neighbors on Lana Court in Fergus Falls. The friendships she made with the Trinity Lutheran Church Crafters were a source of joy and support for Shirley after she moved to Fergus Falls. She was especially gifted at cooking & baking, needlework including hardanger, and at selflessly being the hands and feet of Jesus through her love, time and support for others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; grandsons Jacob and Timothy Scott; brothers Thore (Darlene), Curtis and Arvid Thorstenson; Sisters in law Harriette (Dave) Ewert and Alice (Wesley) Siira, Olga Scott; brothers-in-law Anders (Ruth) Scott, Floyd Haugen, Glenn Olson, and Lou Gorshe; and Godsons Daniel Siira and Mark Scott.

She is survived by her children Gregory (Mary) Scott, Sarah (Jerry) Juven, and Katie (Mark) Johnson and her grandchildren Heather and Cara Scott and Theo and Sophie Johnson; Sisters Marian Haugen, Ruby Olson and Carol (Daryle) Billberg and brothers Gary (Gerry) Thorstenson and Gordon (Pat) Thorstenson and sister-in-law Ella May Gorshe; as well as a special nephew, Jeff Siira and many other dear nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors.



Bits of Wisdom from Shirley's Journal

Nothing is going to happen to me today that God and I together can't handle.

You don't need to be famous to be remembered.

Much of what we see depends on what we are looking for.

It is bad to suppress laughter. It goes right back down and spreads to the hips.

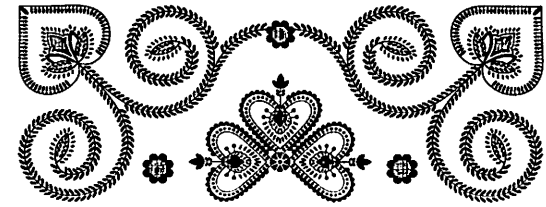
There is danger in thinking joy is a matter of location.
If we cannot find joy where we are,
we probably won't find it anywhere.

The three hardest things to say:
I was wrong. I need help. Worcestershire sauce.

As you get older, you really just want to be surrounded by good people. People who are good for you, good to you, and good for your soul.

Where you are going matters far more than where you have been.

The family extends their thanks for your presence today, the time so many of you made to visit Mom, and the many warm expressions and remembrances you've shared.



Memorial Service

Monday, June 6th, 2022, at 10:00 AM
Trefoldighed Lutheran Church
Rural Battle Lake, MN

Officiant - Pastor Armin Jahr
Pianist - Marianne Carlson

Scriptures

Isaiah 41:10, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Colossians 3:23,
I John 3:1, Romans 12:9-13

Congregational Hymns

Lift High the Cross #287
Simple Gifts (insert)
When Peace Like a River #428

Eulogy - Katie Johnson

Honorary Pall Bearers *(Shirley's Godchildren)*

Gordon Thorstenson, Erik Thorstenson,
Jennie Millerhagen, Jane Norling, Darrell Franze,
Becky Weidenbacher, Dennis Fronning

All are welcome to enjoy brunch and fellowship following the Service

Interment

Trefoldighed Cemetery