

Shirley Ann Larson was born on November 23, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Paul and Lucille (Lorenz) Dworakowski. Shirley grew up in Plymouth, Minnesota helping her parents on their vegetable truck farm and apple orchard. She had a strong work ethic from an early age.

Shirley graduated with honors from Wayzata High School in 1953. She met Myron Larson soon after graduation when her friend set her up on a blind date. Shirley attended the University of Minnesota majoring in Elementary Education while she and Myron dated. Shortly after her graduation they eloped to the Little Brown Church in the Vail in Nashua, Iowa in December of 1957.

During their marriage they made their home in Lyndale, Watertown and Hamel, Minnesota. They were blessed with four children: Bob, Barb, Judy and Jeff. In 1975, the family moved to a farm in rural Garfield where Myron and Shirley resided for 43 years.

Shirley taught school throughout their marriage. During the last 20 years before retirement, she taught Title 1 in Brandon, Minnesota. She helped many children improve their math skills and learn to read. She was always happy to see her former students go on to do well in school and after graduation. Shirley encouraged further education to her students, children and grandchildren.

Shirley continued her love of gardening throughout her life. The garden was always growing larger not smaller in size. She also enjoyed canning, sewing, reading and in later years spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She looked forward to the grandchildren's events and was so proud of all their accomplishments.

While their kids were growing up, the family enjoyed many camping trips. A favorite place to camp was in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Myron and Shirley made their last camping trip there in 2009. In later years, it became easier to go on bus trips. Myron and Shirley traveled on bus trips to Branson, Calgary, Washington D.C. and many other locations.

Shirley was involved in many outside organizations including the Legion Auxiliary, Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid and Sunday School.

In 2018, Myron and Shirley moved to Alexandria, Minnesota when Shirley began to struggle with congestive heart failure. She had a fighting spirit and never gave up hope that she could beat her illness and live to see future family events. Her positive attitude was an inspiration to all.

She passed away peacefully on May 15, 2019, at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband, Myron of 61 years; her children, Bob (Lette) Larson of Nelson, MN, Barb (Dick) Groth of Detroit Lakes, MN, Judy (Greg) Richards of Herman, MN, Jeff (Kim) Larson of Fargo, ND; her grandchildren, Elliot (Stacy) Richards of Cyrus, Sam (April) Richards of Morris, MN, Nathan Richards (fiancé, Emma Briard) of Hoffman, MN, Nick Groth of Detroit Lakes, Haley Groth (fiancé, Mel Johnson) of Detroit Lakes, Austin Larson of Fargo, ND and Chase Larson of Fargo, ND; her great-grandchildren, Piper, Lila and Maverick; and her brother Roy Dworakoski of Mound, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials are preferred to the family to start a scholarship in Shirley's name for someone going into education.

## *In Loving Memory*



*Shirley Ann Larson*  
*1935 ~ 2019*

*The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*In Memory of*  
**Shirley A. Larson**

November 23, 1935



May 15, 2019

**Funeral Service**

Grace Lutheran Church  
Brandon, Minnesota  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
11:00 AM



**Officiant**

Reverend Sarah Berglund

**Organist**

Annette Helder

**Soloist**

Faye Giese

Accompanied by Vivian Bentley

**Casket Bearers**

(Shirley's Grandchildren)

Elliot Richards

Sam Richards

Nathan Richards

Nick Groth

Haley Groth

Austin Larson

Chase Larson

**Interment**

Brandon Cemetery  
Brandon, Minnesota