

Shirley Mae Wagner, the daughter of George and Helma (Itella) Little, was born on October 8, 1936 in Glenwood, MN. She attended grade school and helped her parents at home. At the age of 16, Shirley met the love of her life, Roger Wagner. They were united in marriage on November 24, 1952 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. They were blessed with five children, Don, Deborah, Bob, Steven, and Jim. Together they lived on farm near Evansville, MN. Shirley took care of the household duties and also helped Roger on the farm.

Shirley was a loving wife, who was always by Roger's side. Together they enjoyed spending winters in the south since 1977. They made many friends in Apache Junction, Arizona where they belonged to card clubs and the Catholic Church. Shirley loved looking at the mountains around the Valley, especially the Superstition Mountain which she could see from her home. Shirley loved her family very much. She cared for her children and grandchildren with a tender heart and a loving touch. She will be remembered for her excellent cooking and baking, making quilts and ceramics, gardening, and definitely shopping, especially for shoes. She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Shirley Mae Wagner died on Thursday, January 18, 2018 after a short battle with cancer, at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa, AZ at the age of 81 years old. She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Roger Wagner of Brandon; children, Don (Jan) Wagner of Brandon, Deborah (Kevin) Frisk of Alexandria, Bob (Jackie) Wagner of Brandon, and Jim (Jill) Wagner of Brandon; eleven grandchildren, April Burmeister, Shawn Wagner, Heidi Ritten, Angie Mahlberg, Justin Wagner, Jared Wagner, Jordan Wagner, Miranda Henneman, Vanessa Koep, Evan Wagner, and Stephanie Wagner; 14 great grandchildren; sisters, Gloria Brede of Alexandria and Gail Duncan and her husband Jim Smith of Brandon; brother, George Jr. "Doogie"(Kathy) Little of Alexandria numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Steven Wagner, and a grandchild Amberly Wagner.

In Loving Memory



Shirley Mae Wagner
1936 - 2018

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 Mae Wagner

October 8, 1936 † January 18, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Brandon, Minnesota

Saturday, January 27, 2018 11:30 AM

Officiant

Father Peter Vander Weyst

Musician

Kim Byrne

Casket Bearers

(All of Shirley's Grandsons)

Shawn Wagner Justin Wagner

Jordan Wagner Jared Wagner

Evan Wagner Matthew Henneman

Honorary Casket Bearers

(All of Shirley's Granddaughters)

April Burmeister Heidi Ritten

Angie Mahlberg Miranda Henneman

Vanessa Koep Stephanie Wagner

Interment

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery

Brandon, Minnesota