

**Shirley (Palmer) Whitten** was born on August 11, 1922, to Kenneth and Lillian (Miller) Palmer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Washburn High School and the University of Minnesota. She enjoyed swimming, tennis, cross-country skiing, sailing, sewing, gardening, reading, traveling, and bridge. In the time left over from her busy life, she gave back to her community with volunteer work in school, church, and hospitals.

But she most loved and was devoted to her family; they were dear to her heart. She was delighted with her children and considered that raising them (along with her husband Bob) her life's best accomplishments.

Her husband's business took them to Libertyville, IL and later to East Lansing, MI, where they lived for thirty years before returning to Minnesota.

Shirley lived her life in service to others; she is greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Shirley died on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Bethany on the Lake in Alexandria at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Robert; by her parents, a brother-in-law, and many of her in-laws. She is survived by her children; Barbara, of Colorado Springs, Robert Jr. (Delia) of Ely, MN, John of Warwick, ND, Elizabeth (Gerald Kolter) Danielson of Sandstone, MN, and David (Jane) of Sarasota, FL. Eight grandchildren; Rebecca (Tyler) Ross, Benjamin, Penelope Morgan, Jacob (Emily) Morgan, Dana (Derek) Banovetz, Tory, Jack, and Nathan. Four great-grandchildren; Abigail, Emma, Caeten, and Finnegan Ross. Sister Sally (Clayton) Gardner, and her children; Thomas Lokensgard, Nancy Carlson, and Dick Lokensgard. Sister-in-law June Garrison and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy (1201 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 420, Washington D.C. 20005) or the Douglas County Library in Alexandria.

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray dog and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight and I felt loved.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.*

*Remember, Mom and Dad, our children are watching and listening—and they're especially paying attention to you!*

## *In Loving Memory*



*Shirley V. Whitten*  
1922 ~ 2018

*In Memory of*

### **Shirley V. Whitten**

August 11, 1922 † June 5, 2018

#### **Memorial Service**

First Congregation U.C.C.

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, June 8, 2018

11:00 AM

#### **Officiant**

Reverend Scott Keehn

#### **Organist**

Greg Kappahn

#### **Trumpeter**

Bill Riggs

#### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

(Shirley's Grandchildren)

Rebecca Ross	Benjamin Whitten
Penelope Morgan	Jacob Morgan
Dana Banovetz	Tory Whitten
Jack Whitten	Nathan Whitten