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Shirley Ilene (Niemand) Payer, age 86 of Centerville, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville.

Shirley was born on March 10, 1936 in Pocahontas County, Iowa, the daughter of Gilbert and Clara (Joachims) Niemand. She attended several schools, and later went to Jr. High in Pocahontas, Iowa. During high school, Shirley was very active in school activities, especially all music. She was Majorette for the Marching Band for 3 years as well as Cheerleader for Basketball and Football for all 4 years. Shirley graduated from Pocahontas High School with the Class of 1954. She then attended cosmetology school. She worked at several different jobs in her life and was always there for her family.

Shirley was united in marriage to Duane Barnabas Payer on June 19, 1956 in Pocahontas, Iowa at St. Peters and Pauls. To this union, three children were born, David, Denise and Denaë.

In 1969, the family moved from Pocahontas to Centerville, where Shirley worked for a period of time at Easters Super Value and was offered the job with the 1880 Sr. Citizen Club in 1970, which she re-organized planning all activities, and arranged trips to every state, including Hawaii four times and three cruises. Pancake Day was always a highlight of the Srs, helping build the floats, making all the flowers and decorating. She especially enjoyed winning 1st place for the most beautiful and originality in different years.

She started the Thanksgiving Day Dinner for those who are alone, and continued helping for 15 years. Shirley received the Citizen of the Year Award in 1973, and the Common Wealth Award for compassion in 1996, as well as other awards. She also helped set up the Sr. Transit Service in Centerville for Centerville and Appanoose County in the Ten County Area under the Sieda Corporation. She was always glad to see the service still operating. People were really her hobby and always enjoyed



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seeing people happy.

Shirley was a member of the St. Marys Catholic Church in Centerville. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were a big part of her life. Shirley enjoyed working with flowers, decorating, knitting, sewing and adult coloring. Music was a large portion of her life, especially Christian and Country music.

Shirley retired in 1998 and worked at Kellys and Kortlins Jewelry for 4 years. She was a two-time Cancer survivor, but always kept positive and was always there for those fighting the battle.

Left to cherish Shirleys memory are her children, David Payer, Denise (Rick) Sebolt, and Denae Payer; eight grandchildren, Josh (Chris) Rodrick, Melissa (Bradley) Brevig, Meagan (Paul) Sobolik, Steven (Shelley) Kaster, Megan (Justin) Jedlicka, Staci (Dustin) Freeman, Scott (Ashley) Kaster, and Aryc Huff; eighteen great grandchildren; a brother, Gary (Kathy) Niemand; a sister, Carol Holleson; as well as many extended family members.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Duane Payer; her parents, Gilbert and Clara Niemand; a brother, Jack Niemand; and a great granddaughter, Coralynn Sobolik.

Funeral services will be held at 11AM, Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Fr. Timothy Armbruster officiating. Burial will follow in the Haines Cemetery, north of Centerville. A visitation will take place on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville, with the family receiving friends from 10-11AM. Memorials have been established to either EveryStep Hospice or MercyOne Foundation, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Payer family, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Visitation

2022-07-19 10:00:00

11:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory
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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:06 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:06 PM



Stephanie Anderson posted:

I remember Shirley always helping people. I will never forget her smile. She was a very classy lady with a big heart. I wasn't aware of all the things she had accomplished and help initiate in our community. What a wonderful human being. She will be missed. My condolences go out to her entire family.

July 16 at 7:00 PM



Jennifer F posted:

Shirley was my neighbor for years Sweet lady

July 13 at 7:00 PM



Twyla Casteel posted:

prayers for the family. may GODgive you peace and comfort.

July 12 at 7:00 PM



Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Lit a candle in memory of Shirley Payer



July 11 at 7:00 PM



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JC

Joanne O'conner posted:

My sympathies go out to you, Denise, and your family. Shirley was a wonderful, caring person who always had a positive attitude - even in her cancer battle. She will be remembered with love by so many.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

PC

Paula Crow posted:

Shirley was like a second mother to me .I spent as much time at their house with Denae growing up as I did my own. I also got the joy of working with her as a summer job at the 18-80 club for 2 summers I will forever cherish the fond memories I have of her and Duane. I am very sorry for your loss Denise,Denae and Dave my love and prayers are with you

July 11 at 7:00 PM

MD

Mary Decook posted:

Denae

July 10 at 7:00 PM

MD

Mary Decook posted:

Dense so sorry for your familys loss. Your mom was a nice lady.

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DS

Dianne Strickler posted:

So sad to see this. She was such a great person. My sympathies to you all.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

DG

Deb Giese posted:

So Sorry for your Loss Denae.

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LW

Lisa Wulff posted:

Denae ... I am so sorry for your loss. She was the best. Hugs.

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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Shirley's Family, Shirley was such an all around people person, much loved. Always going out of her way to help others. She will be remembered by us and many others. May your loving memories bring you peace.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

TR

Trish posted:

I am so blessed and honored to have met Shirley. She was the classiest lady. She will always hold a special place in my heart. Thanks for being a friend. You will be missed.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

JS

John Sease posted:

She was a nice lady

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RW

Rhonda Whitaker posted:

Shirley was a wonderful person and I enjoyed visiting with her. I know she will be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

GT

Greta Tarbell posted:

Denise and family-So sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Your mother was a very kind and caring classy lady, always helping someone. I always enjoyed visiting with her when I would see her shopping. Cherish all those wonderful memories. With Deepest Sympathy

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Media

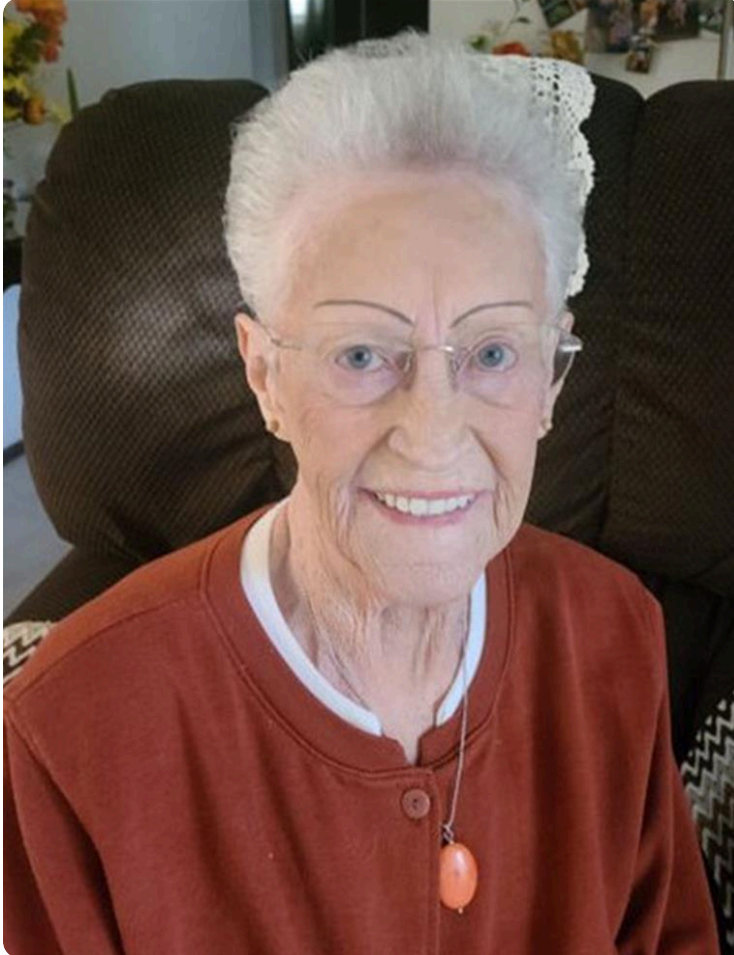
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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