



Shirley Ann Bowyer

February 21, 1930 - June 22, 2019

Shirley Ann Rutledge was born on Feb. 21, 1930 in Brock, Nebraska, the daughter of Jesse and Merrill Rutledge. She grew up on a farm in Brock until she was 15 years old. She loved to play with her cousins and dress up her kitty's.

Church was always a big part of her life. Her grandfather was the Sunday school superintendent, and her Mom was the church pianist. In her early teens, she trusted Jesus as her Savior at a church youth camp.

When she was 15, her family moved to Loveland, Colorado where her dad had purchased a cherry orchard. She won many cherry pie contests. She loved the mountains and spent one summer working in Estes Park at her uncle's hardware store.

She met her future husband on the steps of the library at the University of Northern Colorado where she was studying to become a teacher. They were married on December 30, 1951 and moved to a small town in California where she began her teaching career. She loved teaching throughout her life. Shirley and Harold had their first two children, Susan and Doug, in California and then moved back to Colorado where their third child, David, was born. Shirley was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, and a helpmate in her husband's business.

Church was a very important part of Shirley and Harold's life and she had many fond memories of all of her church friends.

Shirley's Dad instilled in her a love of sports from an early age. She and Harold continued that love of sports. Shirley was known to quite emphatically express her dislike for the opposing team. She also loved watching old movies, and every weekend in her last years, her son-in-law John would bring either one of her favorites or a new oldie for her to enjoy on Friday movie night.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother Lester Rutledge.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Wilhelm and her husband John of Torrington, Wyoming; a son, Doug and his wife Dawn from Windsor, Colorado; another son, David, from Windsor; nine grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Berean Bible Church, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO, 80524.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.* ”



June 28, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ *Mark and Joni Bowyer; Fairfax, VA purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.* ”



Mark and Joni Bowyer; Fairfax, VA - June 28, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.* ”



June 28, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.* ”



June 27, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.*



June 27, 2019 at 08:00 AM



“ *Dear Bowyers: My sincere condolences to all of you Shirley was such a dear sweet spirit. Jr. & I learned so much from Harold & Shirley about God's grace when we lived in Fort Collins and attended the same church. She certainly was the Proverbs 31 woman. I have so many memories of them through the years. I am glad to know that she has reached her final reward and is with Jesus.*

I know you will miss her but I know God will give you comfort and peace, as only HE can give.

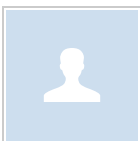
Hugs & Love to all of you, Vanda Domnick

Vanda Domnick - June 26, 2019 at 05:34 PM



Thank you so mych❤️

susan wilhelm - July 24, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.*



June 25, 2019 at 04:57 PM

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“ Dearest family- I would like to share a memory, but all I can think of right now is the time this New York City girl (me) and my mom were visiting-- I thought I'd wake up nice and early and make some coffee, maybe a lil breakfast for the old folks before they got up. I rose about 8:30 am, went into the quiet kitchen, and realized Aunt Shirley had already been up, not only made the coffee, but baked a pie hours before I woke! LOLOL, we laughed about that so much. Aunt Shirley: a remarkable woman. Loving, faithful, hardworking, sweet as pie but with a steel backbone, fierce in her love of family and of the Lord. Rest in peace, dear Aunt, we love you so and hope to join you again one day. God Bless You, and bring comfort to all who will miss you so much. Love, Pat & Bruce & Sonetta & Alex

patricia bowyer - June 25, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.



June 25, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bowyer.



June 25, 2019 at 12:36 PM