



Shirley Mae Beck

May 5, 1935 - October 20, 2015

Shirley M. Beck, 80, of Central City, died Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at Litzenberg Long Term Care in Central City. Funeral services will be Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 10 A.M. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home (south location) with Pastor John Prettyman and Pastor Courtney Erzkus officiating. Visitation will be Friday, October 23, 2015 from 5 to 7 P.M. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Bureau Cemetery by Pierce Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Shirley was born on May 5, 1935 in Harlan, Iowa to Frances and Gladys (Axlend) Rogers. She grew up near Council Bluffs where she attended school until she was in the 3rd grade. At this time her family moved to Central City, Nebraska. Her dad Francis died when she was 13, and her mother Gladys raised Shirley and her 5 brothers and sisters. She graduated from Central City High School in 1953. After graduation, she worked for a Telephone Company in Grand Island, Omaha and California. Shirley drove the school bus for Central City and Marquette school districts. When she drove the School bus, she became a favorite of many kids. She also worked at the D&D Malt Shop in Central City where she met her future husband, Wesley Beck.

On December 7, 1962 she married Wesley Beck. The couple lived on the Beck family farm until 1974 when they moved to a farm close to Lake Mary Ranch Camp (now Timberlake Ranch Camp). Wes and Shirley had 3 kids, Kathy, Wesley Jr and Daniel. Along with caring for her kids, she enjoyed

helping Wes around the farm.

Shirley loved to be around family and friends. They were her pride and joy. Grandkids spent hours of playing and putting on dress up productions, and sleepovers were her joy.

Shirley was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church. She supported the family's passion for horses with many trail rides across Nebraska. She spent a lot of her time cooking and baking. Her chocolate cake and homemade buns were everyone's favorite. Shirley's love of cooking was shared as she cooked at Community Care Center and Central City School Cafeteria. She would play games to entertain her and friends. Cards and board games were her favorite. Shirley loved to travel. She enjoyed delivering cars for snowbirds. She made many trips from coast to coast to see the countryside with her family.

Shirley is survived by her daughter Kathy (Jerry) Kuck of Central City; 2 sons, Wesley Jr. (Vickie) Beck of Central City, Dan (Jenny) Beck of Hordville; 11 grandchildren, Stephanie (Gordon) Fehringer, Jacey (Steven) Schwarz, Katie (Josh) Schnitzler, Sam Kuck (Alex Hosier), Derek (Tina) Beck, Jessica (Heath) Reimers, Chelsey (Daniel) Schwarz, Kylie (Zach) High, Morgan Beck, Hannah Beck, Taylor Beck ; 13 great-grandchildren, and one on the way; 2 sisters, Ginger Merritt of Central City and Mary (Jim) Blair of Omaha; 1 brother, Marwin (Joanne) Rogers; close family friends Lowell and Lorraine Harris. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wesley, brothers; Dick (Jane) Rogers, Gerald (Janice) Rogers, brother-in-law Trueman Merritt.

Cemetery Details

Bureau Cemetery by Pierce Chapel - Near Clarks

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (AKT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home (South Location)

Funeral Service

OCT **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (AKT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home (South Location)

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kathy & Beck Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Shirley was one of my mom's closest friends growing up in Central City. My mom always had the highest opinion of Shirley and thought she was one of the most caring, special persons she had ever known. I remember when I was young listening to Shirley and my mom at the kitchen table, talking and laughing for hours, many many times. One memory always sticks out in my mind when I think of Shirley. I was just a kid and we were visiting Shirley's farm and staying for lunch. Shirley made everything from scratch and it was delicious. After lunch Shirley went outside and walked up to a fence and stared calling to some cows. They all came running up her. She pointed to one cow and told me that she named that cow "Patsy", after my mom. She had given her cows names of all her old friends. I though that was one of the funniest things I had ever heard. I loved it. I will always remember Shirley with her hair pulled back tight into a bun. Not many people could pull that off but Shirley could because she had such a naturally beautiful face. She never seemed to age. I will always remember her as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. I know you will all miss her, but I can't help but think that my mom was so happy to see her again. It makes me wonder if Jesus had a kitchen table waiting up there with my mom sitting and waiting to talk and laugh with her old friend Shirley, again.

Deb Snyder (Hayman) Grand Island, NE

Deb Snyder (Hayman) Grand Island, NE - October 23, 2015 at 12:14 PM

MH

“ Shirley was a VERY special lady! She will be greatly missed! Our condolences to her family. I (Michelle) enjoyed being with Shirley at her home for a couple of years, and I remember how very much her family, friends and faith meant to her.

A special thanks to Hannah for keeping in touch with me and keeping me updated on Shirley's condition.

Grant & Michelle (Tinnell) Harlan,
Keith, Monique, Zander, Wesley, & Serenity Tinnell
Kayleen, Thomas & AJ Jasper

Michelle Harlan - October 23, 2015 at 09:29 AM

MR

“ Shirley always had a Smile on her face no matter what she had been through. She was a very Special Kind Lady. Thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Kerry and Marlene Rodysill

Marlene Rodysill - October 22, 2015 at 11:04 AM