



## Shirley Ilene Blase

February 25, 1926 - February 1, 2016

Shirley Ilene Blase, 89, of Central City, died on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Litzenberg Long Term Care in Central City. Funeral services will be on Saturday, February 6th at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk, with Rev. Kevin McReynolds officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, February 5th from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Burial will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Shirley Ilene was born on February 25, 1926 in Peoria, Illinois to Harold Robert and Dorothy Edith (Dale) Thomas. Shirley grew up in East Peoria, Illinois, and following her schooling she began working at the Caterpillar Plant. In 1944 she met a soldier, by the name of Harold Blase, and they were then married on October 21, 1944 in El Paso, Texas. Following his service, Shirley and Harold moved back to Peoria and remained there until 1947. They then moved their family to various places around Hordville, eventually settling on their "home place" which they purchased in 1965. Shirley and Harold sold their farm in 1972, and moved to Hordville. She then began working at Bethesda in Central City as a nurse's aide until 1984. Shirley took a lot of pride in her work at Bethesda. In 2001 they moved to Central City, where she would remain until her death.

Shirley was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Polk, as well as being a member of the Ladies Aid at her church for many years. She had a special gift in her ability to crochet, she made many afghans over the years,

for all of her family and many friends. She also enjoyed putting together puzzles, doing ceramics, playing board games with her grandchildren, as well as going to all their sporting events, and other activities they were involved in. Shirley enjoyed going on trips with Harold, especially to his army reunions. Her greatest love was definitely for her family, as she was definitely the glue that held them all together.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children; Sandy and Duane DeMers of Hordville, Bob and Avis Blase of Osceola, Randy and Jan Blase of Central City, and Rod and Cindy Blase of Hordville; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Harold, her son and daughter-in-law; Rick and Sherri Blase, her sister; Betty Badorek, and infant sister; Donna Dale.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **5**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
Central City, NE

## Funeral Service

FEB **6**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Polk, NE

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ We're so sorry to hear about Shirley. When I think of her I picture the beautiful baptism dress she made for Emma and Maggie. God bless you in your time of sorrow.  
*Mike and Peggy Loos*

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**Mike and Peggy Loos** - February 06, 2016 at 01:37 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Although we did not know your mother well, she always had a smile and also a laugh when you saw her, You could just tell that she was full of love for those around her. This is not an end to the legacy. You all are wonderful strong loving people and will lead your families as she has led you. May God bless you all.

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**Bill and Margaret Clemans** - February 05, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Ilene Blase.



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February 05, 2016 at 04:12 PM

SA

“ Avis and family,  
My deepest sympathies at the loss of your mother-in-law. God's peace as you mourn her passing but rejoice in the assurance of God's promised reunion!  
*Suzanne Allen*

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**Suzanne Allen** - February 05, 2016 at 10:22 AM

IG

“ So sorry for your loss.  
*Isolde Gustafson*

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**Isolde Gustafson** - February 05, 2016 at 09:44 AM

DW

“ *Sandy and Family,  
May the Lord give you comfort. Shirley touched many lives in a very  
kind and special way. She definitely was one of a kind and I loved  
her humor. Donice Woodworth*

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**Donice Woodworth** - February 05, 2016 at 08:03 AM

DW

“ *Sandy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Shirley. I enjoyed  
every moment I had with her while working at Cottonwood. I have  
the afghan she gave me on my last day of work there and it is  
always on my couch to snuggle with. I think of her every time I use  
it. She was a phenomenal woman and she will be missed  
tremendously. Prayers to you all.  
Dawn Werth, Aurora*

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**Dawn Werth** - February 04, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of  
Shirley Ilene Blase.*



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February 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM

JR

“ JOE AND JULIE RAMOLD lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ilene Blase



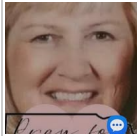
JOE AND JULIE RAMOLD - February 04, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ilene Blase.



February 04, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ Worked with Shirley at Bethesda remained a friend with much respect for her Prayers to family with most heartfelt respect

Deb Friend - February 04, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ilene Blase.



February 03, 2016 at 08:55 PM

MR

“ Sorry for you Loss Shirley was a very Special lady.  
Kerry and Marlene Rodysill

Marlene Rodysill - February 03, 2016 at 07:36 PM

TC

“ Years ago, the Blase family was gathered in Hordville for a family Christmas celebration. In through the door, walked a very tall Santa Claus who swooped in and to her surprise, planted a kiss on unsuspecting Grandma Shirley. For a short time she was speechless (which was very unusual). Santa was able to escape the Blase residence unharmed but continues chuckle to this day about his act. The mystery remains where that Santa came from. Some think it was her godson. Rest in piece Shirley, the fond memories will remain forever.

Tom Carlstrom - February 03, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ilene Blase.



February 03, 2016 at 04:35 PM