



Shirley M. Forbis

May 1, 1943 - December 25, 2025

Shirley Forbis, 82, of Central City, Nebraska passed away peacefully at her home on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at the Central City Cemetery following the funeral service.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

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

Shirley was born on May 1, 1943 in Central City to Max Jr. and Maxine (Chandler) Shelton. She grew up north of Central City and attended country schools until the 3rd grade when her family moved into town. She graduated from Central City High School and also attended Hastings College.

Shirley married Mac Forbis in 1960 and to this union Peggy, David and Wendee were born. Her family was the most important part of her life. She had a knack for being able to do just about anything. When her kids were young, she spent late nights making costumes and decorating cakes and cupcakes for the kid's special occasions. She loved baking, but was not as fond of cooking, probably because Mac was such a picky eater and usually wanted things well done. Sometimes she would get distracted waiting and walk away, and when she returned it was well done just like he liked it. Those skills were passed on to her daughters.

Shirley's kids and grandkids were her pride and joy. She was always very

patient and a very hard worker putting everyone before herself. Shirley was a doer and the glue to her family. Years ago, she spent time with her mom learning to crochet resulting in many baby blankets.

She enjoyed the family times camping, bike riding, ice skating, roller skating, archery, bowfishing, and bowhunting, and of course the camping trips to Halsey in the little purple jeep. Summers ending always made her sad because the kids had to go back to school and she hated to see them go.

She was an avid archer. Mac's love for the sport of archery opened the door to Shirley's love of the sport, which gained her many Archery State

Championships in the sport of bow hunting and bow fishing. She spent many years bow hunting deer, antelope, turkey, and other small game. Bow hunting and bow fishing were an enjoyment for Shirley with her kids and grandkids, teaching them the sport. After Shirley and Mac retired, they spent their summers in Yankton, SD as camp host at an RV park and bow fishing on the Missouri River. Spending countless hours on that wicked river, they were very well known to fellow bow fishermen and women. Shirley loved bow fishing alongside Mac and often shot the bigger fish. This was also the case when it came to deer and turkey... Shirley definitely out shot many of the men.

Shirley was a member of the Nebraska Bowhunter Association where she helped Mac as historian and also helped with raffles for the association. She was also a bowhunter education instructor.

Shirley will be deeply missed by her husband Mac of 65 years, daughters Peggy (Craig) Clausen; Wendee (Rick) Butt and her 8 grandkids Christopher, Cathleen, Travis, Danica, Daniel, Tyler Myles and Halee; 25 great grandkids, with 2 on the way and 1 great great grandbaby due in April. She also leaves behind her brother-in-law Dean Hanke of Columbus and nieces Cathy Tierney, Angie Ostdiek and Timm Hanke. Shirley also left behind her little dog Molly. Shirley is preceded in death by her son David Forbis, her parents Max Jr. and Maxine Shelton, parents-in-law Henry and Frances Forbis; sister Cheryl Hanke; brother Max Shelton III.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St.
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3303
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Burial

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Central City Cemetery
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

LK

“ It is hard to know what to say at times like this so the family understands what a great mother Shirley was. She was always putting the family ahead of herself. I remember watching the family grow up over the last 60 years as I would stop by to hear the latest hunting story from Mac. Shirley would always bring a cup of coffee to the basement and would join in with tales of her own. As I think back she would not blame anyone for failures in her hunting stories but would only say she made a mistake. Shirley would always inform me about what each family member was accomplishing and was very proud of her grand kids. We will all miss that voice asking Mac what he needed or informing us she was going to do some running around as we told hunting stories. She was a grateful and loving person that will be missed by family and friends. I believe Shirley is looking down and is proud of the family that she had a hand in shaping. Condolence to the family. Larry Kuskie

Larry Kuskie - December 31, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LR

“ Sorry to here passing of Shirley. Haven't seen for a while. When we were young our parents would get together often and spend the day! Condolences to all the family!

Larry Roach - December 31, 2025 at 08:40 AM

TA

“ The Nebraska Bowhunters Association purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley M. Forbis.



The Nebraska Bowhunters Association - December 30, 2025 at 02:33 PM

KC

“ Keith and Chris Craven purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley M. Forbis.



Keith and Chris Craven - December 30, 2025 at 12:50 PM

KF

“ Kent and Tori Clausen and families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley M. Forbis.



Kent and Tori Clausen and families - December 29, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Forbis.



December 29, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DS

“ Danny and Amber Seim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley M. Forbis.

Danny and Amber Seim - December 29, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TR

“ I always walked by their house and seen them shooting their bows, my condolences to Mac,Peggy and the rest of the family.

Terry Riley - December 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM

VI

Shirley to me was so very outgoing and always had a smile ♡ prayers for her family

Vickyroastle - December 26, 2025 at 07:50 PM

VS

I got to know Shirley at Cheryl's funeral. My Mom, Alnetta Leamons Schroeder was their first cousin. I am Valorie Schroeder her daughter. I truly enjoyed my visit with Shirley that day and I am glad I went to Cheryl's funeral. I will try to come to Shirley's funeral. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I wish that I could have known my mother's relatives more. Reunions would be nice. God bless you!

Valorie Schroeder - December 27, 2025 at 01:12 PM

PS

Condolences Peggy to u and your family. Your in my thoughts and prayers ,Gods comfort and Blessings to u all.

Pat Smith - December 27, 2025 at 11:30 PM

LJ

I graduated with Shirley and actually introduced Mac to Shirley while ice skating on a lake South of Central City. My heartfelt prayers go out to you and your family Mac. You were a good friend for many years back in the day.

Lonney Johnson
Phoenix, AZ

Lonney Johnson - December 28, 2025 at 06:29 PM

PM

Very sorry for your loss Peggy and family.

Pat McBride - February 08 at 07:52 AM