



Shirley Ann Edholm

January 28, 1932 - February 12, 2021

Shirley Ann Edholm (Micek), 89, of Coon Rapids, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021.

Born in Minneapolis on January 28, 1932, Shirley was the fourth of eight children born to Frank and Merle Micek (LeVoir). She grew up and attended Catholic schools in Northeast Minneapolis, and she graduated from St. Anthony of Padua High School in 1950.

Shirley and Chuck Edholm were married on June 21, 1952 at the Church of St. Clement in Northeast Minneapolis.

After sons Bob and Dave were born and had lived in Northeast Minneapolis for several years, Shirley and Chuck moved their family to Columbia Heights. Several months after that move, son Tom was born.

A wife and mother, Shirley also held a variety of jobs over the years. She worked on assembly lines at Honeywell and UNIVAC. She was a cashier at some local supermarkets - Red Owl, Kassler's, Zayre Shoppers City. She worked as a hospital aide at St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis. But the place where Shirley worked the longest was at Totino's frozen pizza plant in Fridley. She made several lifelong friends there, and the 18 years she worked at Totino's would have been even longer had the business not relocated its

operations to southern Ohio. After she took early retirement from the frozen pizza plant, she worked part-time for a while in the floral department at Rainbow Foods in Columbia Heights. She also worked at the Adventure Club, an extended day child care program for Columbia Heights students in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Shirley, sometimes called "Shirtsy" or "Shirts" by her friends and siblings, was a natural athlete. One can only wonder how she would have fared had high school athletics been available to young Minnesota girls in the 1940s and 1950s. She was a good bowler - she even appeared on a local TV show called "Bowlerama" to show off her talent. She won several LeVoir family golf tournaments. Shirley and Chuck played many rounds of golf together, not only in the Twin Cities and northern Minnesota, but also in central Florida, where she and Chuck took several extended winter vacations after they had retired. Shirley also followed the local sports teams, especially the Gophers, Vikings and Twins. She and Chuck were inside the noisy Metrodome for seventh game of the World Series in 1987, when the Twins beat the St. Louis Cardinals to become Major League Baseball's World Champions. She loved having her sons, and eventually her grandsons, over to the house to eat pizza and watch Vikings games on Sunday afternoons.

Another hobby that Shirley enjoyed was gardening. She loved planting flowers every spring in her yard. She grew her own tomatoes. Her hanging plants all flourished thanks to her loving care.

Shirley enjoyed traveling, often times to visit family, including trips to Minnesota's North Shore along Lake Superior, Michigan and Florida. In 1977, she and Chuck went to Hawaii to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

More than anything, Shirley loved the time she spent with family. Because her parents also came from big families, Shirley was close to many of her Micek

and LeVoir relatives. She was steadfastly loyal to her three brothers and four sisters. That bond always remained strong. They might not always have gotten along with each other, or agreed on everything. They would argue with each other at times, but their commitment to each other was never in doubt. Because many of her siblings also spent time in Florida during the winter months, Shirley and Chuck often got together with them to play golf and card games, eat dinners at the local restaurants, and travel to places all over the Sunshine State. Each of her children and grandchildren joined them in Florida at least once to stay with them, which usually included a trip to Disney World or Universal Studios. Shirley never forgot the birthdays of her children and grandchildren. Christmas Eve at her home was a family tradition for more than 60 years.

The last five years of Shirley's life were hard on her - and on her family. Dementia took away her short-term memory, and eventually it became hard for her just to have a normal conversation with family when they came to visit with her. She also suffered a broken hip a few years ago, and then re-fractured it a year later. Eventually, Shirley was no longer able to stand or use a walker to get around, and she was confined to a wheelchair or her bed. COVID-19 made it difficult for her even to receive visitors at the assisted living facility in Coon Rapids where she was staying.

Shirley was a lifelong, faithful Catholic. Until her health no longer allowed her to do so, she never missed Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. On weekday mornings, she always made time to read and meditate on the Scripture readings for that particular day. Shirley was a parishioner at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights for 45 years. When she and Chuck sold their home in Columbia Heights in 2007 and moved to Andover, she joined St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Ramsey.

Shirley will be remembered for her warm, friendly smile. She loved to be with people, especially family. She lived a long, mostly healthy life, and her family and friends miss her dearly.

Shirley was preceded in death by husband Chuck; parents, Frank and Merle Micek; sisters Lois (Sid) Centilli and Barbara Frost; brothers Frank (Virginia) Micek and Ed Micek; and niece Kathy Cook.

She is survived by sons Bob, Dave (Mary) and Tom (Sharon); 10 grandchildren: Gretchen (Dan) Dolan, Luke, Anthony (Desiree), Rosa, David (Chandra), AnnaMaria, Greta, Derek (Kari), Alex and Tanya; and five great-grandchildren: Audrey, Leo, Levi, Axel and Isla. She is also survived by brother Joe (Shirley) Micek; sisters Merle (John) Andrusko and Judy (Tom) Ouellette; sister-in-law Pat Micek; brother-in-law Dan Frost; and many nieces and nephews, several of whom are her Godchildren.

Special thanks to the wonderful caregivers at Select Senior Living of Coon Rapids, who tended to Shirley's needs from the summer of 2016 to early 2021.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 18, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 4030 Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421, with interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Columbia Heights)
4030 Jackson St N.E.
Columbia Heights, MN 55103

Graveside Service

JUN 18. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery
2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-3391
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

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“ From the St. Katharine Drexel Church community purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ann Edholm.



From the St. Katharine Drexel Church community - June 17, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Edholm.



June 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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David C. Edholm - June 14, 2021 at 08:27 AM



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AnnaMaria Edholm - June 11, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *I had the pleasure over the years to spend time with Shirley through my friendship with her sons Bob and Dave. I will miss her thoughtfulness and calming presence during our conversations. Her spirit always showed through.*

I am glad she is now with Chuck again and there is no more loss of memory or pain!

Tom Madigan

Tom Madigan - June 11, 2021 at 08:23 AM