



## Shirley Joyce Erickson

November 20, 1929 - May 8, 2026

Erickson, Shirley Joyce (Odenrans)  
Age 96 of New Brighton, Minnesota.

Died Friday, May 8, 2026

Our dear mother and grandmother Shirley Joyce Odenrans Erickson went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, May 8, 2026, at the age of 96-1/2.

She was born in Minneapolis on November 20, 1929, and grew up in Northeast Minneapolis. She attended Edison high school graduating with the June class of 1947. She graduated from Augsburg College in 1951 where she met Donald Erickson. They married on June 30, 1951 and lived in Minneapolis until 1964 when they moved to Saint Anthony Village.

In 1965 the family began a moving adventure taking us to Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, almost Flanders, NJ, Columbus, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and back to Minneapolis for retirement.

Shirley was a lifetime member of Gustavus Adolphus church. She was baptized, confirmed, married and now we are celebrating her life well lived. She had a strong faith with a gift of hospitality and service to others.

She was a mother of three girls and a grandmother to one grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, her parents, Arthur and Mabel Odencrans, siblings Lawrence Odencrans, Laverne Young and Wilma Odencrans who died in infancy.

Shirley is survived by Susan, Cynthia Erickson, Karen Just (Gregory) and beloved grandson Jonathan Eyheralde-Just (Kethryn), her sister Patricia Thayer and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley had a warm welcoming personality and a gift for making friends. She was open and gracious to everyone she met. She always looked on the sunny side of life and inspired that spirit in others.

Shirley expressed her love through cooking and baking. Holiday parties, flaky crusts, cookies rolled just right and perfect rolls were her jam.

Funeral to be held Friday, May 29, 2026, at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. Visitation will begin at 10 am with service at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. [www.gachurchmpls.org](http://www.gachurchmpls.org)

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church  
1509 27th Avenue NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *With Love, the Women of the 13th Terrace purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Joyce Erickson.*



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**With Love, the Women of the 13th Terrace** - May 21 at 09:05 PM