



Shirley Ellen Geis

January 14, 1934 - August 6, 2022

Geis, Shirley Ellen (Dumler)

Age 88, of Eden Prairie, MN, formerly of Norman, OK.

Shirley passed away peacefully at home on August 6, 2022 and is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was born in Okeene, OK and was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife to Don, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Shirley and Don were transferred around the country every couple years for his work and she mastered the art of quickly unpacking and turning their new house into a 'home.' There was always a seat at her table for family and friends because entertaining, baking and cooking were some of her favorite things to do. Her children were her pride and joy and she devoted her life to raising them to be loving, caring and ethical persons of faith (not to mention organized)! Being involved in a local church was the highest priority and whenever the church doors were open, the Geis family was there. Playing the piano was one of her many accomplishments and Shirley loved being the pianist in every church they attended. Shirley was a kind, gentle, loyal friend, and beloved by all who were blessed to know her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Donald Geis, parents Herman and Hilda (Vogt) Dumler and brother, Donald Dumler.

She is survived by her sons Ken (Lisa), Scott (Dee) & Mark (Laurie) Geis and daughter Laura Ackerman, grandchildren Nicholas (Berenice) Ackerman, Sara Geis (Andy) Leyrer, Stephanie Geis (Taylor) Tollette, Emily Ackerman (Julian) Aguilar, Carly Geis & Christopher (Eugenia) Ackerman, great grandchildren Jonas Robert & Henrik Kendall Tollette and Julia Victoria & Sophia Elena Ackerman and several nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the staff and caregivers at Summit Place Senior Campus in Eden Prairie, MN for caring for Mom so beautifully.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Donald R. Geis Family College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN.

A private family service will be held in Oklahoma at a time TBD.

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband, Leon Bill, and our family pastored the Zion Baptist Church in Okeene 1955-61. Shirley's family were staunch supporters and members. Donald and I played organ and piano duets. Leon also made a recording of Don playing his spinet organ that we had transitioned to a CD, giving one to Shirley after Don's death. During the recording one could hear a small voice from Ken while Shirley was visiting her parents.

A few years ago we visited Donald, Don and Shirley at Summit Place before Donald's death. Shirley was such a gracious hostess and served us a delicious desert while we visited. We also attended Wooddale that Sunday and had a restaurant meal together at noon. Leon and I moved to Trail Ridge in Sioux Falls in November 2018. Leon died June 4, 2021. I am still living here in one of the 113 independent living apartments.

The people in Okeene were so warm and helpful. Hilda sewed a pretty organdy dress for our daughter and Herman held significant positions in Zion Baptist.

May God's mercy, grace and peace be with each of you and bring comfort in this time of separation.

Darline Bill, 3408 W Ralph Rogers Rd., #B111, Sioux Falls, SD 571008.

Darline Bill - August 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM