



## Shirley Groom Parker

August 16, 2005

Parker Shirley Elizabeth Groom Parker, age 83, Mpls, of cancer, on Saturday August 13, 2005 with her children at her bedside. Preceded in death by parents, James Warner Groom and Ethel Bernice Kohlhaas Groom. Survived by daughter, Patricia Parker (Lee Charlton) of California; sons, Christopher of Wyoming and Richard (Susan) of Hopkins; grandsons, Harvey and Ian; stepdaughter, Bonnie Field, of Mpls. Shirley was a beloved mother and grandmother, a US Navy veteran as a WAVE Pharmacist mate during WWII, and a preschool and primary teacher for 38 years. Shirley received the Annie Sullivan Award for her work with the hearing impaired. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Metropolitan State University. Shirley also was a long time volunteer at Fairview Southdale Hospital, and a life-long traveler who participated in many elderhostel programs. If so desired, memorials may be sent in her name to the Ronald McDonald House (U of M), Children's Hospital (Mpls), or the donor's choice. Private interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial, 11AM Wednesday at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 155 County Rd. 24, Wayzata with visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at church and also 5-7PM Tuesday at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel W. 50th St at Hwy 100 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Richard, Patricia, Christopher and family,

*Your mother/grandmother/friend was a special person. I have very, very fond memories of her.*

*I had the privilege of spending several days with Shirley in 1996. We talked about family, looked at photos, discussed her life and her work. She made me feel so welcome in her home.*

*As mentioned in my father's earlier note, I am named after Shirley's father. I am very proud of that connection. Three months ago my wife Kate and I had a son and we named him William James Warner Groom. So the connection between our families will live on.*

*Love and prayers from James, Kate, Hannah (2) and little William James Warner at this difficult time.*

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*James Warner Groom,*

*Hobart*

*Contact Me*

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**James Warner Groom** - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dear Richard,*

*We offer you our condolences on the passing of your mother. May God ease your pain during this difficult time.*

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*CPT Mitch Belanger & family,*

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

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**CPT Mitch Belanger & family** - August 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dear Richard, Patricia, Christopher and all members of Shirley's family,

*I have just read Richard's email and am at my desk here in Tasmania with tears in my eyes for dear Shirley. The Groom family in Australia watched from afar as that beautiful little daughter of James Warner Groom and Auntie Bernice grew into a fine lady and loving mother and grandmother. Our eldest son also James Warner Groom visited Shirley some years ago and told us all on his return what a wonderful person she was. We extend our deepest sympathy from Australia to all of Shirley's family and friends.*

*Love, Ray, Gillian, James, John, Matthew, Sally, Katy, Ben and all the Grooms.*

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*Ray Groom,*

*Hobart*

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**Ray Groom** - August 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Richard and family: I am very sorry to hear of your loss of your mother and grandmother. I hope that your wonderful memories and thoughts will help you through this most difficult time. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Take care! Mary

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Mary Sparks,

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

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**Mary Sparks** - August 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Richard and family: We are so sorry for your loss. I know how special your mom was to you. Dick and I will keep you in our prayers.*

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*Jean and Dick Hermes,*

*Andover, Minnesota*

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**Jean and Dick Hermes** - August 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Richard and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that a lifetime of wonderful memories will help you be strong during this difficult time. With love, Melissa*

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*Melissa Perez,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Melissa Perez** - August 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Richard, Susan, Harvey and Ian, Patricia and Lee, Christopher,

*I send you my love and wish I could be there now to say goodbye with you to Shirley. I have such great memories of her, like how she made me feel very welcome, one of the gang, so natural, like she really enjoyed the volume at 11 jams we let loose in the basement. She will be greatly missed.*

*Love, Charlie Harvey*

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August 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Dear Richard and Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother. With the passing of time, your grief in losing a parent will be replaced with sweet memories of joy, love and laughter. Best wishes to you and your family, John Erar*

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*John Erar,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**John Erar** - August 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear: Richard, Susan, Harvey and Ian; Patricia and Lee; and big brother Christopher, Diane and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you and wish we lived closer so we could see you in person and attend the services for your dear mother Shirley. I have known your mom Shirley for over 30 years and I have so many fond memories of her. "Hey Doll, how ya doing?", was Shirley's signature greeting to me, as Richard and I grew-up together as high school boys from Southwest Minneapolis. One of my favorite memories of Shirley goes way back. I remember bumping into her on the number 6 bus to downtown Minneapolis summer of 1975. She was going to attend an educational forum, open to the public, at the Minneapolis courthouse. I remember thinking how cool it was that my friend Richard's mom was striving for knowledge about our legal system--and going out of her way to educate herself on her summer off from teaching school. Shirley and I had a nice ride together downtown. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful summer day. . .Perfect. . .God Bless you Shirley. All of our love,

~

*Tom and Diane Belanger,*

*Fernandina Beach, Florida*

*Contact Me*

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**Tom and Diane Belanger** - August 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To Richard, Susan, Harvey, Ian, Pat and Christopher. My sincere sympathy to all of you. In the short time I knew your mother/grandmother I felt she was a very special woman. I believe she did more for me than I for her. Her determined spirit was evident in how she looked at life. May the angels bring her into Paradise.....her final home. Blessing on all of you. Ruth Bunda

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*Ruth Bunda,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Ruth Bunda** - August 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM