



Mrs. Shirley Jean Gueldner

September 17, 1936 - December 13, 2018

Shirley Jean Gueldner, age 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday evening, 12/13/2018.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Bernard (Bernie), who passed away in January 2018, and is survived by her four sons, Jeff (Kris) of Norwich, Connecticut, Tim (Lisa) of Grants Pass, Oregon, Peter (Michelle) of Monticello, Minnesota, and Paul (Kelly) of Elko New Market, Minnesota.

She is survived by six grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, and other family members, and her only daughter, Cynthia Jean, who passed away in 1969.

A public Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, 4/27/2019, at 11:00 am with a one-hour visitation beforehand. Interment following at Crystal Lake Chapel and Cemetery, 3816 Penn Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412, Phone: 612-521-3677

Shirley was a woman of faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. She lived and served her faith well and shared that faith with many.

Occupations: Homemaker, Office Worker, Transcriptionist, Church Librarian,

Receptionist for Methadone Clinic in Minneapolis, Administrative Assistant for Carver County Mental Health Unit, Videographer for Laborers for Christ projects, Data Entry Specialist/Organizer for Bernard (Bernie) Gueldner and LFC projects.

Bernie and Shirley served for over 10 years as part of Laborers for Christ, traveling around the country in a 5th wheel trailer, helping churches build sanctuaries, offices, or extra spaces as needed. Bernie served as a laborer, mentor, and project manager for many of those projects. Shirley assisted with coffee and lunch breaks, information about the area, and provided video documentation of the construction at many of the sites.

Shirley loved books, English authors, learning new things on her computer, travel, organizing photos, creating picture and scrap books soon after any vacations, and generally documenting important aspects of our lives together.

Shirley loved music, especially Opera and classical music, attending many concerts at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, and listening to National Public Radio (NPR) often. She enjoyed the music provided by her sons, for their various choir and band performances. Music was important for Shirley when other forms of communication failed her. Several of us were privileged to sing with her or for her these last few years.

In previous years, Shirley loved to sew doll clothes and some of Cindy's clothes as a hobby. Later, she enjoyed finding new items at Dayton's or other favorite stores.

The family requests that any donations or memorials be sent to one of the following organizations in memory of Shirley and Bernie:

- Alzheimer's Association
- American Diabetes Association

- Minneapolis Library (or any Library system)
- Reading Rainbow (or any literacy program to benefit children and adults)
- American Red Cross (for disaster relief and to help those affected by fires or other localized events)
- Laborers for Christ (to aid churches and retirees in their continuing ministry work)

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel
3816 Penn Avenue N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412
(612) 521-3677
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Chapel Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 27. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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