



Shirley Ann Hickey

August 12, 1934 - July 21, 2025

Shirley A. Hickey of Palm Springs, CA

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Passed peacefully in St. Paul, MN, at the age of 90, surrounded by her loving family.

She was lovingly cared for by her daughter Susan Farley.

Shirley was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. She was a very good student and at the age of 13 won the Indianapolis Spelling Bee. She attended high school at Saint Agnes Academy and college at Indiana University, where she was an honor student. She met the love of her life, Joe Hickey, on a pier at a church picnic. They married a year later, and 10 months later their son Joe Jr. was born. Three daughters, Anne, Susan, and Mary, quickly followed within four years.

They moved to Mequon, WI, in 1967 and raised their family there. They lived in the same home for 47 years. Shirley started the Mequon Library Tennis League, where proceeds from the league went to the library. This combined two of her loves, tennis and reading.

Shirley was whip smart and had a very successful banking career. She spent over 25 years at Ozaukee Bank helping to build a group of regional banks. She loved her career and was promoted to Senior Vice President. As much as she liked the challenge of running banks, she really enjoyed her coworkers, many of whom remained her closest friends.

Shirley was a proud Pink Lady. The Pink Ladies get together several times a year, traveling together, and are very close friends.

She retired from Ozaukee Bank at the age of 70. After spending several winters in Palm Springs, they bought a home there in 2016. She was 80 at the time and commented, "Who at 80 years old buys a house in the desert during a drought?" They did, and Joe, Shirley, and their daughter Susan moved to Palm Springs. They soon discovered the heat in Palm Springs to be intolerable in the summer and spent several summers at their son, Joe Jr.'s, beautiful lake home on Crystal Lake in Cable, WI. For the last couple of years, Susan and Shirley had a second residence in Shoreview, MN. She so enjoyed having her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren nearby.

Shirley was fiercely competitive; she was known to clean clocks regularly in Rummikub. She also had a very kind heart, always bringing Sloppy Joes when someone needed a boost.

Shirley was a force of nature and will be missed by all who were lucky to have known her.

Shirley is survived by her four children - Joseph Francis Hickey Jr. (Carol), Anne Michele Merritt (Richard), Susan Marie Farley, and Mary Lynn Hickey, and her 6 grandchildren, Tracy Elizabeth Flavin (Jonathan), Christopher Joseph Doherty, Chelsea Marie Doherty (Seth), Meghan Marie Farley (Zach), Connor Joseph Farley (Briana), and Dillon Patrick Farley (Kelsee), and her

eight great-grandchildren, Sean, Ethan, Braylan, Lennyn, Carson, Boden, Norah, and Emersyn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 1st, at St. Odilia in Shoreview, MN, with visitation at 10am and mass at 11am, followed by a celebration of her life luncheon.

The mass will be live streamed via this link

<https://youtube.com/live/88kJN7XpUW0?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to The Compassion Connection, which provides foster children with essentials, Tax-deductible contributions can be sent via check to: The Compassion Connection, 11158 Olympia Ave., Becker, MN 55308 Venmo @thecompassionconnectionmn

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Absolutely, Lisa—here’s a polished version that preserves your warmth and sentiment while adding some clarity and flow:

I have so many wonderful memories of Shirley, but a few truly stand out. One of my favorites was when she helped us make sandwiches for a donation drive—she jumped right in and worked harder than employees half her age. Another was our big food, toy, and bike drive for farm workers on Christmas Day. Shirley didn’t hesitate to contribute; she bought gift cards and gave them away with incredible generosity.

I’ll also never forget our visit to Crystal Lake and playing cornhole together. Shirley’s sense of humor and laugh was infectious!



Lisa Weaver Chambers - July 25, 2025 at 11:42 PM