



Shirley Jean Johnson

August 10, 1943 - November 18, 2024

Shirley Jean Johnson

Age 81 of Maple Grove, Formerly Monument, CO, passed away November 18, 2024 at North Memorial Hospital due to complications with heart surgery. Preceded in death by her husband, Donald C. Johnson; her parents, Albert and Gladys Aschim; and sister, Elaine K. Bigalk.

Survived by her son, Randal (Jessica); their children, Gavin, Ava, and Adelynn; son, Brad Lee (Allison); their children, Megan, Madeline, and Tyler; brother-in-Law, Jim (Cheryl); and many nieces, nephews and friends. Shirley graduated from Houston High School, Houston, MN and attended Gale Institute Airline School in Minneapolis, MN.

While working at Bemis Corporation, MN, she met and married the love of her life, Don on Sept. 2, 1962. They moved all over the country (CA, TX, AL, CO) throughout their wonderful life journey before returning to their birthplace in MN in 2016. Shirley loved the travel business and worked for 20 years in the industry before starting her own travel agency called Hilltop Tours where she specialized in African safari tours. Besides her family, Shirley's greatest love was the Lutheran Church where she served the Lord as a Sunday School Teacher for 22 years and was an avid Bible Study Fellowship member throughout her life (17 years in leadership). Upon retiring in 2003, Don and

Shirley traveled around the country in an RV and took many trips and cruises around the world.

Monday, November 25th, 11:00 AM Celebration of Life Service will be held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 7401 County Road 101, Maple Grove, MN (visitation 1 hour prior). Service available for viewing at www.lordoflife.org/celebrationoflife. Private burial At Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials to the Lord of Life Lutheran Church and Bible Study Fellowship.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (Maple Grove)
7401 County Road 101
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Church Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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7401 County Road 101
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Graveside Service

NOV 25. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley and Don moved into our community in Maple Grove the same time we did; they were one of the first people we met. We had many fun times on the bocce ball court; Shirley was a awesome player- very hard to beat! Also- enjoyed spending time after church having coffee and donuts hearing about their many travels. We are glad that we got to know both Shirley and Don.
With all our sympathy to the family.
Sandy & Ken Henk

Sandy Henk - November 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM

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I am saddened to have just read of Shirley's passing. Yearly phone calls to catch up with each other weren't enough. She and Don were wonderful next door neighbors here in Monument. They loved their home here in Monument but were looking forward to be with their family in Minnesota and "going back home". Our condolences to their sons and their families.
Vickey and Bob Meeker

Vickey Meeker - September 06, 2025 at 12:16 PM