



Shirley May Kistner

May 11, 1923 - March 26, 2026

Shirley Kistner, age 102, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 26, in her apartment at Presbyterian Homes, Beacon Hill Commons.

Shirley was born on May 11, 1923, to Cecil and Florence (Westling) Sundquist. She grew up in Hopkins, Minnesota, with her dad, mom and sister, Lorraine (Beverdorf). Shirley met her husband, Charles Kistner, in Alaska where he was stationed in the service. They were later married in Hopkins on September 14, 1946. They raised a family of six children together. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Florence; her beloved husband, Charles; her brother-in-law, Francis (Bever) Beverdorf; her son, Tim; and her sister, Lorraine.

Shirley Kistner, at 46 days short of 103 years old, was a loving daughter, sister, cousin, wife, mother, aunt and (great; great-great) grandmother. She loved the Vikings ("her boys"), making personalized Christmas stockings, VFW and Legion auxiliary, traveling, cribbage, shanghai and lots of other card games, bingo, pull tabs, eTabs, gin and tonics (with LOTS of olives), Baileys and coffee, homemade moonshine, dining out, teasing people, game shows and Lawrence Welk, the newspaper, People magazine, singing and laughing. But most of all family and friends!

Kids: Karen (David), Mark (Anneliese), Dan (Sue), Scott (Shelly), Billy (Jody),

Tim (Stephanie); Grandkids: Heidi (Chris), Chris (Deb), Shannon (Josh), Mia (Matt), Adrienne (Alan), Mark (Jeanne), Heather, Sara (Chad), Dennis, Shawn, Julie (Todd), Jamie (Jason), Katie (Aaron), Peter, Tracy, Stacy, Erin (Mickey), Tyler "Amos" (Marie), Francie (Sam), Grace, Ashley; Great Grandkids: Breanna, Brandon (Tamara), Dylan (Amy), Sydney (Clay), Austin (Ashley), Justin, Dallas, Kylie, Shayna (Gaven), Aubree, Parker (Maggie), Ashlyn (Daunte), Megan, Kira, Ariana, Kahne, Decker, Deegan, Andrew, Maria, Jay, Amanda, Bailey, Berlin, Makayla, Tommy, Riley, Taylor, Emery, Madi, Blayne, Elodie, Gabe, Ethan; Great, Great Grandkids: Jayden, Summer, Adeline, Alex

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Tuesday, March 31 at Washburn-McReavy Hopkins Chapel. Visitation at 10:00am, with a VFW Auxiliary Ritual at 10:45am. The service will begin at 11:00am, and reception at Hopkins VFW - George R. Wolff Post #425 at 12:00pm. Burial at Grandview Park Cemetery afterwards.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Reception

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

George R. Wolff VFW Post #425
100 Shady Oak Road
Hopkins, MN 55343

Graveside Service

MAR 31. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grandview Park Cemetery
6901 Maloney Avenue
Hopkins, MN 55343

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Shirley May Kistner in memory of Shirley May Kistner



Washburn-McReavy - March 30 at 02:54 PM

DK

My condolences to the whole family. Shirley became a friend with my mom and we hung out with her kids when we were younger. Im so sorry for your loss.

Denise Kelsay - April 01 at 01:20 PM

SL

I'm so sorry to hear about Shirley! I would have been at funeral if I'd known. Sending prayers and love to the whole family! Sheryl Longnecker

sheryl Longnecker - April 01 at 01:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire family! I'm sad to hear this news and my heart goes out to you all. Marlee (Beverdord) Evers

Marlee Evers - March 31 at 05:53 PM

HP

“ Holly Phares planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley May Kistner.

Holly Phares - March 30 at 08:39 PM

HP

“ *Holly Phares purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Shirley May Kistner.*



Holly Phares - March 30 at 08:39 PM

HP

“ *Loved my Aunt Shirley. Always made me laugh. Remember her great talent of knitting. She made beautiful sweaters. I still have the sweater she made of white knit and aqua mohair. She made one for Karen, Pam, and Me. Love Holly Phares and family*

Holly Sue Phares - March 30 at 08:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley May Kistner.*



March 30 at 08:01 PM

BM

“ *Becky Murck purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Shirley May Kistner.*



Becky Murck - March 30 at 07:12 PM

BM

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Becky Murck - March 30 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ *Billy's family!! purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley May Kistner.*



Billy's family!! - March 30 at 10:03 AM

TB

“ *1 file added to the album Shirley Kistner*



Thomas Brokl - March 29 at 09:50 AM