



Shirley Mildred Martinek

December 25, 1938 - December 13, 2025

Shirley Mildred Martinek, age 86, of Edina, formerly of Esko, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2025. In her final days she was surrounded by the love and care of her family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael; her husband, Hubert; and her parents, Joseph and Mildred Oliver. She is survived by her children, Debra Hack (Tom), Donna Buchman (Mike Grovum), Deri Bennett (Shawn), and Ryan Martinek (Justin Grussing). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Nathan Hack, Nick Hack (Abby), William Hack, Kailee Majerle (Kyle), and Josh Ninneman (Abby), along with five great grandchildren. She leaves behind her sister, Diane Fairchild (Dean), her brother, Joe Oliver (Carol), and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for Shirley will be held on Saturday, January 3, at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel at 5000 W 50th Street, Edina, Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM with a service at 1:00 PM, followed by a reception. A graveside service at St. Mathews Lutheran Cemetery in Esko will take place at a later date, where Shirley will be laid to rest with her husband and son.

Shirley's children would like to extend heartfelt thanks to her hospice nurse, Maddie, from Hospice of the Midwest, and to Sara, Deborah, and Sandra from

Bela Home Care for their compassionate support during her final days.

She will be remembered for her fierce independence, her legendary buttermilk pancakes, her quiet and steady generosity, her sneaky wit, and her wonderful sense of humor. To say she will be missed is an understatement.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local humane society in Shirley's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dan P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mildred Martinek.

Dan P. - January 03 at 10:53 AM

KN

“ Kimberly N. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mildred Martinek.

Kimberly N. - January 03 at 08:54 AM

WF

“ With Love and care, The Conner Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Mildred Martinek.



With Love and care, The Conner Family - January 02 at 02:01 PM

AB

“ Andy, Jesse, Israel and Bella purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Mildred Martinek.



Andy, Jesse, Israel and Bella - December 29, 2025 at 12:09 PM

CS

“ I worked with Shirley at Black Bear Casino in the Administration Office. She was so nice and I loved working with her. We kept in touch on Facebook. She will be missed.

Cathy Skoglund - December 22, 2025 at 06:22 PM

DB

Thank you Cathy. She really enjoyed working with all of you at Black Bear. We sure miss her!

Deri Bennett - December 31, 2025 at 08:00 AM

ML

“ Shirley was a dear friend. She was always so full of cheer and had an encouraging word for all. Her smile and the twinkle in her eyes made you wonder what she was up to. I have had the honor of attending the same church as Shirley, and have enjoyed many activities with her. Our daughters grew up sharing many activities together, in which we moms always seemed to become involved in. In later years I was blessed to be a school grandma to Kailee...I will always claim her as one of my many! Love to you all! Especially Deri, Ryan, Kailee, and Joshua! (I know you best) Hugs!

Mary Anne Lee - December 18, 2025 at 03:37 PM

RC

“ The Flynn family were neighbors for years. We will miss Shirley dearly. Hugs to her family!!!

Robin Flynn Cawcutt - December 17, 2025 at 11:22 PM

BB

“ We were Shirley’s neighbors on Bruce Circle and we will miss her dearly, and Dozer too! So happy you are reunited with your son and husband. Prayers to the entire family.



Brenda Buhr - December 17, 2025 at 06:22 PM

AS

“ I have only known Shirley for the past few years, but was lucky enough to spend some quality time around her. I can honestly say that she was as nice as anyone I have ever met. I am thankful to have known her. My only regret is I never got to try her legendary pancakes. Godspeed Shirley. ❤️

Andy Scalzo - December 17, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JG

“ Shirley and I have remained best friends since we were 8 years old. I will miss her so much, the talks and the lunches we had with other friends. I was fortunate to have a phone conversation with her a couple of weeks ago. Rest in peace Shirley until we meet again. Judy Gobel

judy Gobel - December 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ Shirley and I shared the love of our boys. They took us on trips with them and that is when we got to know each other. She always was fun, ready for an adventure. I will miss her quirky sense of humor and quiet friendship. She was an awesome mother-in-law to my son, Justin. Safe journey dear friend. Diane E Grussing

Diane Grussing - December 17, 2025 at 04:26 PM