



## Shirley Mae Carlson

May 4, 1925 - December 13, 2023

Shirley Mae Carlson passed away peacefully at her Parkview Garden residence on December 13, 2023. She was born on May 4th, 1925, the 2nd oldest of 5 children to the late George and Elsie (Nee: Fehlberg) Green in Racine, Wisconsin. Her older brother Gilbert died at one year old. Her Dad died at 33 years old from a failed appendectomy operation when Shirley was only 7 years old, leaving her the oldest of the remaining 4 children. Her mother Elsie always worked two jobs to support the family and because of that Shirley had extra responsibilities to help with her younger siblings and other household duties.

Shirley graduated from Park High School where she met her future husband, Evert Carlson. They were married at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on April 27, 1946, where she was a lifetime member. Together they raised three children and were married nearly 69 years until Evert's passing in 2015.

Shirley went to vocational school to learn office skills including shorthand. She worked as an office manager and insurance agent at several insurance offices during her career including AAA, Gottfredsen, Martinson and retired from Orth Abbott Insurance company in 1985.

Shirley didn't get a driver's license until she was in her 30's, and then there was no stopping her. She would go with her friends to movies, shopping

excursions and luncheons on a weekly basis. Shirley loved going to festivals, especially German Fest, art fairs and live performances of music or plays. She had a sweet tooth and could indulge in any chocolate treat anytime, anywhere. She enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune on TV, listening to country music or cheering for the Packers. She and Evert traveled often to visit their son Ron in Arizona and went with her daughter Judy and husband Jim on long distance vacation trips in their conversion van. Shirley also looked forward to Casino bus trips or flying to Vegas to try her luck. She has always been a strong-willed, independent woman and often referred to herself as the "Family Matriarch."

Shirley volunteered for many organizations during her lifetime. She was with Big Sisters for 11 years, Homeward Bound, helped at The Food Pantry at Emmanuel Church. They cooked and delivered meals for the homeless at Our Savior's Lutheran Church well into her senior years. Shirley was always willing to help someone in need.

Above all, her biggest passion came from her cherished grandchildren. They filled her heart with pride and joy. She loved taking her granddaughters on shopping trips and attending her grandson's football games. It was important to her to be a part of their lives and support them in any way she could. "Grandma" was her most treasured title.

Shirley will be missed by many, but her memory will live on.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Evert, daughter Kim DeLao, brothers, Gilbert, George (Buddy) and Rick Green and sister June Hartog.

Surviving is her daughter Judy (James) Martin of Mt. Pleasant; son Ronald (Toni) Carlson of Eloy, Arizona; grandchildren, Jodi (Brian) Paragamian,

Daniel Dacquisto, Jamie (Josh) Tway, Eric (Beverlee) Bohm, Alex Bohm, Brian (Amy) Bohm, and Jackson Bohm; step-grandchildren, Laurie (Bill) DiPasquale, Kim Chernouski, and David Martin. Of the fifteen great-grandchildren, Anthony Gonzales was always involved with his grandma Shirley and was special in her heart; four great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Mary Green; nieces and nephews, and special nieces Beth, Cheryl, and Janice; and her faithful dog Mickey.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service on January 22nd, 2024, at Sturino Funeral Home 3014 Northwestern Avenue. The service will be held at 11:30 with Visitation from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. A private burial will take place at West Lawn Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Journey in Faith Church, 6767 Hwy 38, Franksville, Wisconsin Humane Society or H.O.P.E. Safehouse, Inc. are suggested.

The family would like to thank Lexi and Cory and the rest of the staff at Parkview Gardens, along with Carrie and Danielle from Legacy Hospice for their care and compassion during the last few months. With special thanks to granddaughter Jodi for being so helpful and supportive during this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Mae Carlson*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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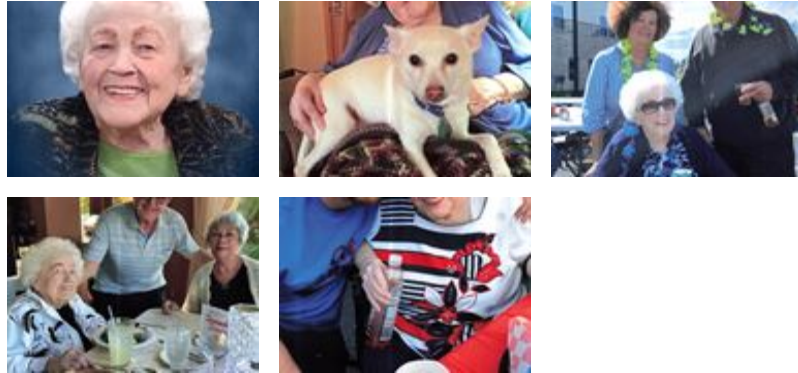
“ *Dear Judy, Ron and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was one of my mother's dearest friends. They shared many good times throughout the years and were always there for each other during sadder times. I have many fond memories of growing up with your family and the fun times we had together. With her passing an era ends. She will be greatly missed.  
With my deepest sympathy,  
Bobbie (Williams) Buening*

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**Bobbie (Williams) Buening** - January 19, 2024 at 09:12 PM



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“ I met Shirley back in the 70s when she lived on Ridgeway. She met me when I was an infant through my grandma who was a lifetime good friend of hers. Shirley would give me 50 cent piece coins when I would go to her house to visit and to stop by and say hi to her occasionally. I can't believe she is gone and how time flies by. With that, please consider where you will go when you die. Please visit this website to see how to get saved so that you won't die in your sins. <https://j4lministry.com/salvation/>. We are truly sorry for your lose. The Huffmans.

The Huffmans - January 17, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Carlson.



January 14, 2024 at 04:33 PM



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