



Shirley Mae Harbach

February 2, 1932 - October 30, 2016

Shirley M. Harbach

Grayslake, IL, formerly of Racine-Shirley (nee:Schreiner) Harbach, age 84, went home to heaven October 30, 2016 surrounded by her children. She was born February 2, 1932 in Merrill, WI to Walter and Marcella Schreiner, as the youngest of three. She is predeceased by her brother William "Bill" Schreiner and survived by her sister Betty (late Arkley "Bud") Wishau.

Shirley spent most of her life in Racine, WI. While working at the drive-in theater, she became reacquainted with and married LeRoy G. Harbach in 1954. LeRoy preceded her in death in 1999. They lived in Franksville, WI and raised five children: Linda (Michael) Mathwig, Nancy (Tod) Heath, Alice (Roy) Hefti, LeRoy (Jane) Harbach and Patricia (Brian) Wulf.

She was extremely creative, using her gifts to benefit friends and family alike. Shirley was an accomplished seamstress of beautiful clothing including: maternity wear, amazing Halloween Costumes, formal gowns, bridesmaid dresses and wedding gowns. She used her creative abilities to make cakes, desserts, and even large working marionette cookies!

Shirley was always quick to smile.

The twinkle in her startling blue eyes told you something was up! Shirley loved to sing and always had a song at the ready to match any occasion. She could do a quick "step shuffle ball change" on any hard flooring surface and didn't mind "clippy shoes" worn by her daughters as they tried to imitate her dance

moves. Shirley and Lee loved to dance and made quite a beautiful pair on the dance floor especially when the band played their song "The Blue Skirt Waltz". She believed strongly in giving back to her community. Shirley was a Red Cross volunteer, belonged to the Racine Homemakers Association, Girl Scout leader, and Lutheran Girl Pioneer leader. Shirley was the first president of the Wise Penny Resale Shoppe benefitting Shoreland Lutheran High School, and participated regularly in her church Bible Studies. She was the hospital visitation volunteer at Epiphany Lutheran Church for many years.

Shirley loved her family fiercely and was the proud Oma of 21 grandchildren and 40 great -grandchildren.

Besides those listed above, she is survived by brothers and sisters- in-law Edward (Dorothy) Harbach, Rosemary (late Daniel) Harbach, Benjamin (Bette) Harbach, Konni (late Raymond) Harbach, Dennis (late Carolyn) Harbach, Russell (Tammy) Harbach, and many nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

The family will be receiving friends from 2:00 – 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church, 24300 W. Grass Lake Rd, Antioch IL 60002, funeral services to follow at 6:00 pm. She will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Racine WI. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Shirley in a special way may direct memorials to Calvary Academy, 5400 Bethlehem Rd, Mulberry, FL 33860 or Faith Lutheran Church Antioch, IL.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.



November 02, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.



November 02, 2016 at 02:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.



November 01, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.



November 01, 2016 at 10:04 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.*



November 01, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to members of the Harbach family. Shirley was a dear friend and we will miss her. It was our great privilege to take her to church on Sundays and to bible study. She always had a smile on her face, and was certainly considered "a second mom" to us.*

Bob & Donna Golchert

Bob & Donna Golchert - November 01, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Harbach.*



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