



## Shirley Kay Malena

October 19, 1941 - March 1, 2026

BATTLE CREEK – Funeral service for Shirley Kay Malena, 84 of Omaha formerly of Battle Creek, will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Randall Coffin. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Visitation will take place one hour prior to service time on Saturday. Burial will be held at the Union Cemetery, rural Battle Creek. Shirley died on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at UNMC in Omaha. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born on October 19, 1941 to George and Helen (Collins) Wright in Page, NE. She was baptized and confirmed in the Ewing Methodist church. Shirley attended Stafford Country School for 8 years and Ewing public schools for 4 years. Shirley was united in marriage to Larry Malena on January 27, 1962 at the Catholic Church in Ewing. Shirley worked for 25 years at the Battle Creek Public Schools as a custodian. She liked to read, watch Wheel of Fortune, and westerns. She also liked to keep in touch with friends and family on the telephone. Shirley was a member of First Christian Church in Norfolk.

Shirley is survived by her husband Larry Malena formerly of Battle Creek, daughter Julie Davis of Omaha, sons Kevin Malena of Madison, Terry Malena of Omaha; 5 grandchildren Andrew (Kelsie) Davis, Mitchell Davis, Nathan

Davis, Allyson (Cody) Ullrich, Mickayla Malena; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents George and Helen Wright, three half-brothers Roy, Earl, and Earnest Wright; 4 sisters Barbara Snyder, Juanita Sands, Gladys Steskal, Beulah "Boots" Arehart, and one brother, Ivan "Bud" Wright.

Condolences can be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery - Battle Creek

From Battle Creek , NE., intersection of Main Street and Highway 121, go south for one and three-ten  
Battle Creek, NE 68715

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 14.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
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info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Scott H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Kay Malena.

Scott H. - March 12 at 01:42 PM

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“ Scott H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.



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NF

“ Nona, Bob & Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.



Nona, Bob & Families - March 10 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ Sending our sympathies to Larry and kids. Larry and Shirley were good friends with mom and dad and had good memories of times spent together. Shirley was such a sweet person and loved her family. She may be gone but will forever be in your hearts Sending our thoughts to each of you.



*Deb Schramm Cindy Rice Matt Wulf and Myrna Wulf*

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**Deb Schramm** - March 09 at 05:38 PM

LC

“ Linda C. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.



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**Linda C.** - March 09 at 10:44 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.



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March 09 at 12:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.



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March 06 at 06:28 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Kay Malena.*



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March 06 at 03:46 PM



“ *My Aunt Shirley is the one who taught me about life! Don't think my mom knew how to go about it! But Aunt Shirley did! Learnt a lot of dance moves from her, too. She could really be a fun Aunt at times. Going to miss hearing stories from her too. Donna*

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**Donna Lancelot** - March 03 at 04:49 PM