



Shirley A. May

August 17, 1940 - October 23, 2022

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Shirley A. May, 82, of Norfolk will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel, in Norfolk. Officiating will be Lay Minister Charlie Doerr. Family burial will be held at a later date at L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery of Niobrara. Shirley passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Stanton Health Center in Stanton. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born on August 17, 1940 in Niobrara, NE to Jesse and Pansy (St. Clair) Peniska. She attended Niobrara High School until the 10th grade, she later received her GED. She attended Wayne State College for 2 years and received an associate's degree. Shirley was united in marriage to Robert (Tim) Smith on September 5, 1959. They lived in Lincoln for a short time before starting their family in Niobrara. Shirley worked as a CNA at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. She was later employed at Santee Grade School as a teacher's aide. Robert passed away in 1976. Shirley married Ronald May in 1978 and they lived in Columbus. The couple later divorced. Shirley worked for FBG, managing a cleaning company at Douglas and Lomason, where she met Robert Wells. They moved to Lynch in 1997. After Robert's passing, she lived there until 2015, when she moved to Norfolk to be near her daughters. Shirley enjoyed cooking, gardening, flowers, garage sales, an occasional trip to the casino and visiting with family and friends.

Shirley is survived by her son, Bob (Nancy) Smith of Columbus, daughter, Deanne (James) Vornhagen of Norfolk, and daughter, Carrie (Robert) Wells of Norfolk. Her seven grandchildren were her pride and joy, Meghan (Apollo) Stack of Omaha, Brandon (Chelsea Liss) Smith of Columbus, Derek Smith of Sioux Falls, SD, Dylan Smith of Columbus, Scott Vornhagen of Lincoln, Adam Vornhagen of Norfolk, and Jay Vornhagen of Lincoln. Siblings include her sister, Donna (Dale) Sanders of Grand Prairie, TX, and her brother, Dale Eckmann of O'Neill. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Pansy, step father Herbert Eckmann, grandparents Joe and Margaret St. Clair, husband Robert (Tim) Smith, niece Kellie Brigham, and special friend Robert Wells.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery

Niobrara, NE 68760

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley A. May*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 26, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Shirley A. May*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ To the family of Shirley May.
 My name is Joy Wieseler. I first met your mom when I had to go to St Joe's for rehab. I was there for 3 weeks. My first trip to the dinning hall your Mom invited me to sit at her table. She was pretty quiet but we got on well, she was doing rehab too. I was the one she always gave her daily paper to. I was really glad to have someone to talk to as well as the other ladies. I guess I left first. some time past and my life took me to Rebecca Lodge. And we loved on the same floor she at one end of the hall and me at the other. once again she was welcoming!! I really like visiting with you Mom. she even invited me to join her and others every afternoon for coffee. I so enjoyed those afternoons. lots of laughing and talking about everything. I moved to Meadow Ridge to be by my son. and to this day I still think about all those ladies and gentlemen we talked with everyday. I will always remember Shirley and keep her in my prayers. Always Joy Wieseler

Joy Wieseler - November 15, 2022 at 03:16 AM



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Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 26, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley A. May.*



October 26, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy"s to Shirley"s Family . I she was a sweet Lady and will be missed by many . Linda Sanders Dusatko*



linda dusatko - October 25, 2022 at 04:18 PM