



## Shirley Zechmann

October 18, 1930 - February 6, 2019

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Shirley Zechmann, 88, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Foster with Rev. Jerome P. Leckband officiating. Interment will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Plainview. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00, Tuesday at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Shirley passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at the Bryan Hospital in Lincoln. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley received life from her heavenly father October 18, 1930, on a farm near Creighton, Nebraska. Her parents were William and Erna (Huth) Hilkemeier. On November 23, 1930, she received the gift of Holy Baptism at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Plainview, Nebraska. On December 16, 1940, Shirley was confirmed at the Stark Valley Lutheran Church where she publicly confessed her faith. She grew up on farms near Creighton and Plainview, Nebraska. She attended school at District 23 and later attended Foster High School. In 1987, at the age of 57, she worked hard and received her GED at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. Shirley and her sisters helped their dad farm and milk cows because they didn't have any brothers. She met Victor "Vic" while picking corn! On March 28, 1948, Shirley and Vic were united in marriage at the Lutheran church in Plainview. They were blessed with five children and 65 years of marriage. The blizzard of 1948-49 struck during their first year of marriage. They were snowed in for weeks at a

time with 20 foot drifts! Shirley kept a daily diary since 1947. As a farm wife, she helped with the field work and milking cows. Shirley also loved gardening, cooking and baking. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Foster for many years. She was also a member of Ladies Aid, taught Sunday school and Bible School, and sang in the choir. She loved her Lord and Savior deeply. Vic and Shirley left the farm and moved to Norfolk, Nebraska in 2010. Survivors include three sons, Dick (Patti) Zechmann of Lincoln, Steve (Kristi) Zechmann of Lincoln, Bill (Lorraine) Zechmann of Overland Park, Kansas, a daughter Pam Walton of Norfolk, fifteen grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Don, her sisters Arlene, Beverly, and Jeanette, and her daughter-in-law Jane.

Casket bearers will be Chad Zechmann, Chris Zechmann, Austin Zechmann, Brett Zechmann, Lance Zechmann, Bryce Zechmann, Alex Walton, Cody Lahman.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery - Plainview

Plainview, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk

1200 N.13th St.

Norfolk, NE 68701

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## Service

FEB 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Foster

301 W. Schneider St

Foster, NE 68765

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Zechmann

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ My condolences to you on the loss of Shirley. I didn't know her well, but I took care of Vic when he was in Plainview. It was my honor to be his doc. He told some great stories of the farm and of WW2. I think he was one of the unsung heroes of his generation and I respected him very much. Again my condolences.  
Brad Lockee M.D.

lockee - February 15, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Shirley, I know I always look forward to seeing Vic and Shirley when they came to visit my Dad Vince Zechmann, in Idaho. I will always remember what a beautiful lady Shirley was.  
Jana Tipton Zechmann

Jana Tipton - February 13, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Lee and my sincere condolences to the ENTIRE family. Shirley was a very special lady and it was always a treat to visit. She was very strong, compassionate and generous women with an amazing faith that carried her throughout her life. She will truly be missed.  
Lee and Debra Jackson

Debra Colson-Jackson - February 13, 2019 at 02:13 PM

RW

“ With deepest Sympathy to Shirley's family.

*Charlie and Rita Wragge*

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**RITA WRAGGE** - February 12, 2019 at 03:00 PM

DH

“ Being double cousins the Erwin Huth and Bill Hilkemeier families share a lot of great memories. With the passing of you Shirley an era comes to an end. The memories and events we shared are something we will always cherish.

*Duane and Barb Huth*

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**Duane Huth** - February 11, 2019 at 10:59 PM

JC

“ Jean and Jerry Mc Carthy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Zechmann.



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**Jean and Jerry Mc Carthy** - February 11, 2019 at 03:47 PM

MJ

“ So sorry Pam. Mothers are soo special. Praying for you!!

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**mary johndon** - February 09, 2019 at 08:35 PM

DD

“ Shirley loved the Lord Jesus, and she loved God's Word. She shared her faith and was a special friend to the women in The Meadows Bible class. We will have our reunion in heaven. Darlene Davis

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**Darlene Davis** - February 09, 2019 at 12:20 PM

FT

“ *From all of us at Husk Trading purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Zechmann.*



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**From all of us at Husk Trading** - February 08, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *When I was growing up I remember visiting Vic and Shirley and family in Nebraska many times. We always had great and memorable times. One specific visit Shirley was pregnant for the last time and was really wanting a girl. So I went out to their front yard and searched for four-leafed clovers and found four or five of them and gave them to Shirley. Then Pam was born!!! It is amazing that God can use even small things to increase our faith. I would like to pass on our condolences to Shirley's family and friends for this great loss. I take comfort in knowing that she is celebrating in heaven with Vic and Don and others that preceded her like my Mom and Dad.*

*Dan and Diane Colson*



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**Dan Colson** - February 07, 2019 at 01:17 PM

JK

*Am glad your mom and dad are reunited, but send condolences for your loss. I too, have fond memories of visits our family made to the Zechmann farm and what a gracious hostess Aunt Shirley always was. She was such a support and good friend to Mom through daddy and Harlan's sicknesses and afterwards. I will miss her annual newsy Christmas cards. It always kept me Up to date. 😊  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Fondly, Joan Zechmann Kleindorfer  
Deland, Florida*

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**joan kleindorfer** - February 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM

SP

*Shirley enjoyed attending a luncheon once a month with Norfolk Women's Connection. One meeting we were told she would be celebrating her 80th birthday. While the ladies joyfully sang the birthday song, Shirley stood smiling enjoying her moment. It was a pleasure to have known your mother.  
Sonja Putnam, Norfolk*

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**Sonja Putnam** - February 12, 2019 at 10:25 AM

TH

*We always enjoyed it when Shirley was doing her daily walk around the Futures Park building and would stop in to rest before she continued her walk home. Such a sweet lady.*

*Tami Horn*

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**Tami Horn** - February 12, 2019 at 01:05 PM

JK

*Shirley was a woman that I considered to be my "adoptive Grandma," as my own grandparents lived far away and I only saw them a few times a year. My Dad was Shirley & Vic's pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Foster. Shirley & Vic welcomed my family and I with open arms. Memories include going out to eat at various restaurants with them, playing pool in her basement, going fishing/camping, and the favorite that comes to my mind was having a picnic in the cornfield with her and Vic. I also recall Shirley helping me write letters to send to my own grandparents and explained that grandparents love to receive mail from their grandchildren. So today I want to take the time and write a few memories that come to my mind about Shirley. She will also have a special place in my heart and I'm comforted knowing that she's not suffering anymore and is in heaven to be with Vic and with the Lord. You'll be greatly missed!*  
*Jessica Wilson Kaurich*

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**Jessica Kaurich** - February 12, 2019 at 08:21 PM