

In Loving Memory

Shirley E. Farrell

August 30, 1935 – March 21, 2019
83 years, 6 months, 21 days

Visitation

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Rosary at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 28, 2019
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Father Raphael Assamah, Officiant

Lector

Joseph Farrell

Gift Bearers

"Grandchildren"

Casketbearers

Joseph Farrell Brian Farrell Greg Farrell
Steve Farrell Robert Farrell Jerry Stevens

Honorary Bearers

Tim Farrell Chris Stevens Connor Farrell Joshua Farrell
Lance Mattice Jacob Farrell Mike Farrell Pvt. Brock Mattice USMC

Music

Mary Beth Gowing, Organist

Cantors

Jane Emge & Fred Strunk

Special Instrumental Music

Lance Mattice

Flower Attendants

Tara Flom Amy Davidson Megan Farrell
Kylee Farrell Courtney Farrell

Ushers

Pat Emge Linda George

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery

Following the committal service,
you are invited to return to the church
for lunch and a time of fellowship.

Shirley Eileen (Nelson) Farrell, daughter of Edward H. and Anna Louise (Kemper) Nelson, was born on a farm south of Farragut, Iowa on August 30, 1935, the youngest of seven children. She entered into eternal rest on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Shenandoah Medical Center following a brief illness at the age of 83 years, 6 months, 21 days.

Growing up on the family farm near Farragut, Shirley attended the Farragut Community Schools, graduating from Farragut High School with the Class of 1953. She then attended the Commercial Extension School of Business in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating in 1954.

Her first job was at the Beebe & Runyon Furniture Store in Omaha. She met her husband William Walter Farrell, while he was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. They were married on June 23, 1956, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah. The union was blessed with eight children.

Following Bill's service in the United States Air Force, they moved to Kearney, New Jersey (where Bill was from) in 1959. With Shirley being a deeply rooted southwest Iowa farm girl, they moved to Shenandoah in 1961, to raise a family.

For over thirty years, Shirley worked as a switchboard operator and receptionist, beginning at the Hand Community Hospital before retiring from Shenandoah Memorial Hospital (Shenandoah Medical Center) in 2000. A longtime and faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Shirley was Treasurer of the St. Mary's Ladies Guild for many years. She was also a member of the Shenandoah American Legion Auxiliary as well as serving as Treasurer of TOPS for many years. Shirley loved to watch basketball with her favorite teams being the Chicago Bulls, Kansas and Iowa State. She enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune on TV, playing ping pong, collecting angels and was an avid bowler for many years.

Preceding Shirley in death were her parents; beloved husband of over 55 years, William Farrell; daughter, Katrina Mattice; infant son, William Paul Farrell; two brothers, Stanley and Enos Nelson; and two sisters, Lois Walter and Agnes Hopkins.

She will be remembered as devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Left to cherish her memory are her six children, Joseph Farrell and wife Nancy of Colorado Springs, CO, Theresa Stevens and husband Jerry of Underwood, IA, Brian Farrell of Jacksonville, IL, Greg Farrell and Jessica Stokes of Poway, CA, Steve Farrell and wife Carrie of Swansboro, NC, and Robert Farrell and wife Amy of Shenandoah, IA; son-in-law, Charlie Mattice and wife Tammy of Shenandoah, IA; thirteen grandchildren, Tara, Tim, Amy, Chris, Connor, Joshua, Lance, Megan, Jacob, Kylee, Mike, Courtney and Brock; eight great grandchildren; sister, Betty Van Ness and husband Lyle of Shenandoah, IA; brother, Delbert Nelson of Shawnee Mission, KS; brother-in-law, Frank Farrell and wife Helen of Manchester, NJ; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; and many friends.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Shenandoah Medical Center

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
and he found an empty place
He then looked down upon this earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering;
He knew that you were in pain,
He also knew in Heaven
you would never hurt again.
He saw the road was getting tough
and the hills harder to climb,
so He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered "peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
If tears could build a staircase
and memories a lane,
we'd walk all the way to Heaven
and bring you home again.*



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