



Shirley Perkins

June 11, 1924 - September 13, 2017

Shirley Kromer Perkins met Jesus face-to-face on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Hospice of the Eastern Upper Peninsula with her family by her side.

Shirley was born June 11, 1924 in Waverly, Iowa the daughter of Dr. Erwin H. Kromer and La Vera Prestien Kromer. She graduated from Waverly High School and attended Wartburg College and Iowa State University. Shirley married Ensign Wendell Hardy (Tom) Perkins May 7, 1944 in Lake City, Florida. She lived in Waverly until 1957 when she moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. She co-founded Carriage Estates and Tom Perkins Gallery of Homes Real Estate Companies. She remains a member of 2nd Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. She was instrumental in bringing Bible Study Fellowship to her church. She was a member of P.E.O. sisterhood, Indianapolis Symphony Women's Auxiliary, North Central High School Triangle Club, Boys Club of America, and an Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnus. In 2010, she moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and was blessed with fun, friends, and being close to her daughter. It was her first soft landing place and she loved it.

The passion of her life was to learn the ways of Her Lord to be the best mother, wife, and friend possible. Shirley attended her first Great Banquet at her church in Indianapolis during the 1990s. The focus of the Great Banquet is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known. Her last Bible study was in Sault Ste. Marie. For over thirty-five years, she loved sharing her faith at retreats, workshops, conferences, and individually to those who asked.

She was a committed lifelong bridge player.

Shirley is survived by her son Thomas (Michele) Perkins and her daughter Tedi (Robert) Selke. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, her sister Susie Kromer (Bob) Bortz of Cedar Rapids Iowa, and her brother Dr. Charles (Jean) Kromer of Waverly, Iowa.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Paul Kromer.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at First United Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Avenue Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783. Friends may visit at the church from 10:00 a.m. to the time of service. A luncheon will be provided. A Christian Burial Service will be held at a future date in Waverly, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Donaldson Church, c/o Joyce Henderson, Clerk, 811 West M 80 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783 would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Can you send me Tom's phone number or email? Or forward my information to him. I have lost contact and wish to offer my condolences.

Dee Saul - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Saddened to hear of your loss. Hope healing comes soon.

Tom Henderson - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Shirley was my friend for many years at Second Presbyterian Church. She was kind and gracious. Shirley included me in the trip AHM Graves provided to France, Monaco and places along the Mediterranean one Spring. We had quite an adventure one early morning when we were sight seeing and picture taking. Little did we know we weren't supposed to take photos in the Casino...We were ushered out after they confiscated the film from our cameras! Shirley and I always had a good laugh about that experience! I have the love-birds sculpture she gave Norm and me for our wedding on a shelf by our fireplace where we see it each day. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Tedi, and for all Shirley's family. Cynthia H. Wilkens

Cynthia H. Wilkens - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To Shirley's Family, Sorry to learn of Shirley's passing. Grand, proper lady., with sage advice and a quick mind. Thoughtful and concerned for the welfare of others. DLM

David Martin - September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ There's a special place in all of our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother.

Cindy Moniz - September 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Tedi and Family I am so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a friend and will be remembered fondly. Our bridge club will miss her very much. She was always the one we went to for advice. I will keep you and family in my prayers With sympathy Judy Old

Judy Old - September 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Tedi, Bob, Selke and Perkins Family, We would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. We hope that during this sad time that God's Love may hold you up and keep all of you and the rest of your family strong. The kindness of Aunt Shirley towards our family will be cherished. We will treasure the memories shared with Uncle Tom and Aunt Shirley and all the wonderful times spent with our families. May the Lord Bless and keep you in His Everlasting Love. Tom, Charmaine, Catie and Trevor Anhalt (Cousins)

Tom and Charmaine Anhalt - September 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM