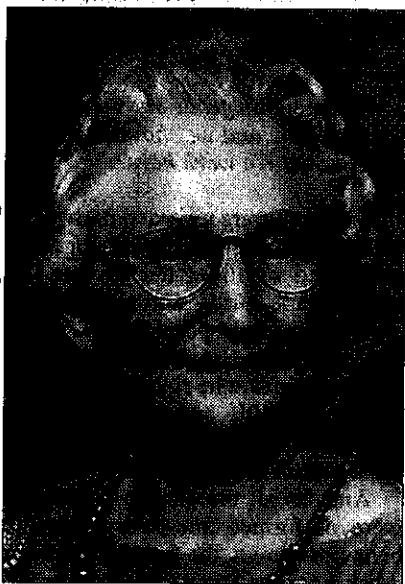


Shirley Ogan Lemke



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A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Visitation with the family present will be held one hour prior to her service. Shirley will be interred at Pleasant Township Cemetery Ewart at a later date.

Memorials may be given in her memory to Alzheimer's Association or to the Mayflower Community South Village, sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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Shirley was united in marriage with Ralph Lemke on June 29, 1947 in Montezuma. They resided in Montezuma and in the Grinnell area. Shirley worked at the Grinnell hospital in the kitchen and linen departments, and then worked at DeLong's Sportswear.

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Together Ralph and Shirley gave birth to 10 children, four of whom preceded her in death at young ages with cystic fibrosis, one who was given to adoption and their five living children, Phillip Lemke of Newton, David Lemke of Newton, Rose Long of Grinnell, Melody Bennett of Marshalltown and Lyle Lemke of Hiawatha. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; as well as siblings Ronnie Ogan of Osceola, Lois Ogan of Grinnell, Hazel Freeborn of Grinnell, Calvin Lemke of Winchester, W. Va., and Marvin Lemke of Rolla, Mo.

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