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On September 22, 1957, she was united in marriage with Henry Harris, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. A union of 60 years! The couple farmed in Chester Township, north of Grinnell, where they raised their family.

Shirley was employed with JD's Restaurant, Hammond's Hallmark store, and later Kelcy's Restaurant, all in Grinnell. For 20 years, she mowed the grounds at Chester Cemetery, which she enjoyed doing.

She was an active member of the Newburg-Chester Church, where she taught both Sunday School and Bible School, and she was a member of the Sonora Grange. She enjoyed her Thursday morning coffee group with her bowling girls.

Shirley had a passion for bowling and for 50 years she bowled on league teams in Grinnell and Newton. She loved the lake life, boating, and camping in area campgrounds. She always found time for sewing.

She is survived by her husband, Henry of Grinnell; four children, Debra Arment, Vickie (Mark) Rutherford, Kim (Tom) Patten, and Mike (Misty) Harris, all of Grinnell; ten grandchildren, Justin (Shannon) Arment of Brooklyn, Corey (LaRae) Arment of Toddville, Iowa, Amber (Brian) Lewis of Grinnell, Holli (Brett) Robbins of Waterloo, Nick (Josie Leshen) Rutherford of Grinnell, Brett and Blake Morrison of Grinnell, Emily Patten of Rochester, Minnesota, and Gregory Foshee and Emalee Harris of Grinnell; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Beverly (Carlo) Supino of Newton and Roberta Lewis of Berwick, Iowa; and one brother, Robert (Carmen) VanderLeest of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Delores McMasters and Janet Eilander; and a brother in infancy.