



Shirley Gustafson

June 26, 1932 - March 1, 2021

Shirley A. Gustafson, age 88, of Alta, Iowa died Monday, March 1, 2021 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta where masks and social distancing will be required. To watch the live stream, click on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88127399743?pwd=cUIQY3liT0JUMk1lZ0Z3a292eVcxQT09> and enter the password: funeral. Burial will be in the Scandinavian Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley Ann Jensen was born June 26, 1932 in Alta, Iowa the daughter of Anton and Myrtle (Havens) Jensen.

Growing up, she attended school in rural Alta where she graduated from Highview in 1949.

Following high school graduation, Shirley worked for Dr. Noble in Alta. On September 22, 1952, Shirley was united in marriage to John Rune Gustafson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta. Together, they were blessed with three children: Runae, Linda and David.

Shirley not only was a homemaker and helped on the farm, but she worked outside of the home for Dr. Shea and Vision Care Associates in Storm Lake before retiring.

In her spare time, she loved playing cards and was a member of a couple of card clubs. She was also a member of a garden club and enjoyed putting together flower arrangements. She was a great cook and decorator.

Traveling was a favorite pastime of Shirley's and she was especially fond of a trip to Sweden. She also enjoyed going for drives with her husband, Rune. Shirley was kind and caring and enjoyed hosting for family and friends. Family was very important to Shirley and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children Runae (Ervin) Brake of Alta, Iowa; Linda (Rodney) Petersen of Holstein, Iowa; David (Audrey) Gustafson of Aurelia, Iowa; grandchildren: Alicia (Michael) Bittner; Kristine (Scott) Huegel; Melissa (Brian) Reiling; Rebecca (Jeremy) Langner; Neil (Nichole) Gustafson; Tyler Gustafson; Keith Gustafson; Tonya Petersen Hinnens; great grandchildren: Jaxon, Raelyn and Tate Huegel; Nathan and Brooke Reiling; Erika, Brett and Brendon Petersen; Matthew, Cole and Reeve Langner; Nolyn, Noah and Nox Gustafson; sister-in-law, Juanita Jensen of Oakhurst, California; extended family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Rune Gustafson; parents, Anton and Myrtle Jensen; stepfather, Earl Brock; grandson, Joshua Petersen; infant brother, Paul; and brother, Gordon Jensen.

Cemetery Details

Scandinavian Cemetery

5753 50th Ave
Alta, IA 51002

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church -- Alta
401 West 2nd Street
Alta, IA 51002

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church -- Alta
401 West 2nd Street
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley's family.
She was very dedicated and caring with all of the patients she came in contact with.
A special person that will be missed. She touched many lives.
Don and Lois Crouch



Don Crouch - March 06, 2021 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Shirley's family.
We have fond memories of the many years she was an employee of Vision Care Associates P. C. She was very dedicated and caring with all of the patients she came in contact with.
She also became a good friend of our family.
Don and Lois Crouch

Don Crouch - March 05, 2021 at 10:18 PM

DR

“ Shirley will be missed so much! I have so many wonderful childhood memories of our family visits to see all of the Gustafson cousins. My deepest condolences to all of you for your loss. Many prayers for all of you and your families, you will be in my thoughts daily as you go through these hard days.



Denise Rogge

Denise L Rogge - March 05, 2021 at 07:43 PM

WL

“ *Cousin Shirley will be remembered as a deeply caring and sincere person. It has been a pleasure over the yeas to visit and discuss family interests. Our thoughts and condolences are extended to her family.*
William & Jennie Lambert



William J. Lambert - March 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jensen Funeral Homes - March 05, 2021 at 01:23 PM

PG

“ *I REMEMBER SHIRLEY WHEN SHE WORKED AT VISION CARE. A VERY NICE LADY. A CANDLE LIT IN HER MEMORY.*

*LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*



PATTY GUNVILLE - March 04, 2021 at 12:33 PM

VC

“ *Velita Cox lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Velita Cox - March 03, 2021 at 07:27 PM

VC

“ *Velita Cox lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Velita Cox - March 03, 2021 at 04:37 PM

PH

“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Pam Henderson - March 03, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Shirley Gustafson.*



March 03, 2021 at 10:06 AM

BO

“ *Bernie & Ann Onnen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Bernie & Ann Onnen - March 03, 2021 at 09:17 AM

AH

“ *Alice Noble Hinkeldey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Alice Noble Hinkeldey - March 03, 2021 at 12:16 AM

AH

“ *Shirley, was always very special to me from the time I was a grade-schooler when she worked for my dad as a very effective receptionist. Later we worked together at Trinity. She was always smiling, positive and welcoming--a great contributor to society. I have been blessed to have known her.*

Alice Noble Hinkeldey - March 03, 2021 at 12:12 AM

SS

“ *Steven And Colleen Swanson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Steven and Colleen Swanson - March 02, 2021 at 08:39 PM

SJ

“ *Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Shelly Jensen - March 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM

CG

“ *Claudina Grienke lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Claudina Grienke - March 02, 2021 at 07:30 PM

PC

“ *Wow... this saddens me... Rune and Shirley were so special together. She really missed him..... but, no longer they are together in love again... so I am happy for her. I am glad I knew the both of them.*

Pegi Cavanaugh - March 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gustafson*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - March 01, 2021 at 08:23 PM