



## Shirley G. Alexander

December 6, 1942 - September 21, 2018

Shirley G. Alexander, 75, Kearney, went home to be with the Lord our God in her home surrounded by family on the evening of September 21, 2018 at her home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., September 28, 2018 at Living Faith Fellowship Church with Pastor Duane Osnes officiating. Private family burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., September 27, 2018 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Safe Center or Living Faith Fellowship Church.

Shirley Alexander (Jones) was born to Howard and Margaret Jones on December 6, 1942, in Scottsbluff, NE. Shirley was adventuresome from the very beginning. She often shared stories of growing up on the family homestead near Scottsbluff, NE and how easily she could get her brothers in trouble with her mom, her being the only girl. Shirley's work ethic was strong and she started working at an early age and continued after work with her love of training horses. Shirley was able to work at the Bow Bakery as well as a lifeguard at the local pool to purchase her 1st beloved horse Queenie. Shirley graduated from Broken Bow High School in 1960 and then ventured on to nurses training at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, graduating in the spring of 1963. Shortly afterward she married the late Ronald Gene Alexander, June 21st of 1963 in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Nursing was one of Shirley's many passions. She began her professional career working at St. Mary's Hospital and the Memorial Hospital, both in North Platte, NE in the surgery department until her son Shane was born on February 22nd, 1965. In 1967, Shirley was working as the Director of Nursing in the geriatrics wing when her daughter Ronda was born on April 19th of that year. Working at Great Plains Regional Medical Center prepared her for a career with the offices of Drs. Buckland and O'Holleran also in North Platte, NE. Shirley finished her nursing career as director of nursing at the Sutherland Nursing Home.

Her most important lifetime achievement was when she found out why she was put on this earth, to serve our LORD and share his joy and love with everyone she met. Shirley was known by many as the jewelry lady and also the book lady but best known as a friend and

mentor to many. Shirley was heavily involved with the Velvet Spurs, Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Christian Women's group and her Church. She loved to laugh and highly valued family. Shirley's life was enriched by her many friends in the Meadowlark Manor community.

Shirley is survived by her children Shane Alexander and Ronda (Dondi) Shearer, brothers, Gary (Jeanine), Lee (Elaine), Steve (Evelyn), and Roy (Susan) Jones, numerous nieces, and nephews, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Howard and Margaret Jones, special aunt's Nanie and Jeanie and twin great-grandchildren.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

**27**

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl

2421 Avenue A, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Living Faith Fellowship Church

3311 Avenue I, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

# Comments

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“ Shirley was very special lady, she was the first neighbor I met when I moved to Meadow Lark Manor, made me feel so welcome. Then we figured we had both lived in Broken Bow, so we had a special bond. We had coffee back and forth, and she was here for coffee about three weeks ago. We close neighbors were all so glad she came. It was probably hard on her, but she seemed to enjoy being out and having a few laughs.

I'm sorry I can't be there with you all, I've fallen again, and not a bit sure of myself even with the walker. I'm so glad I got to her Birthday party, I feel like I know you all just enough to feel a little of your sorrow.

I'm hoping to get some hot fudge made for your family, Rhonda. Don't know when that will be, Right now I'm eating but letting someone else do the cooking. Just know how much I care. You'll be in my thoughts, and if you need a friend I'll be here.

With much Love, AnnaBelle (Ann) Prickett.

**Ann Prickett** - September 27, 2018 at 10:37 PM

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“ Shirley was one of the outstanding members of the Velvet Spurs Riding Club out of North Platte, Nebraska. She preferred riding Appaloosa horses and was doing it every chance she got. She was fun to be around, and I especially remember being on trail rides with her. She would tell me about her experiences as a nurse and we would discuss health issues and horses. When I had to leave the Velvet Spurs to move to Omaha, Shirley met up with me to talk about our memories and I gave her several items of the current club uniform so that she could distribute them to someone else in the club. It was always amazing to me how she kept herself going in spite of serious health issues. She definitely had a large impact on the Velvet Spurs. I will remember her for that.

Janice Martin



**Janice Martin** - September 27, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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“ I will remember Shirley as being one of the most caring and quiet voiced ladies I know. She did so much for the MRN Association. I really admired this wonderful Lady, and all the help given to me in 2005. I will miss you, Alesa Chrisman-Jones,

**Alesa Jones** - September 26, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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“ I was privileged to get acquainted with Shirley during a Bible Study. I always appreciated her insight into the Bible and her reliance on God's faithfulness in every situation.

**Marsha Carlson** - September 26, 2018 at 10:19 AM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shirley G. Alexander.



September 25, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ Shane and Family,  
My deepest sympathy on the death of your mom. I have fond memories of her as a big fan of you and all your activities! She was always kind to me and supported the teachers.  
May you find comfort in your memories!  
Margo and Alan Hirschfeld

**Margo Hirschfeld** - September 25, 2018 at 06:49 AM

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“ Shirley went to the same church with us for awhile. The thing I remember most is her incredible love and the way she beamed when she talked about her daughter Ronda and her granddaughter, Brooke. She was so proud of the way Brooke and her Dad, Dondi could sing together. I loved that she had written a book for her grandchildren. What a very special keepsake.

One time at Christian Women's Club, I won the door prize and was lucky enough to get one of Shirley's beautiful jewelry creations.

She was a talented lady. She always carried herself in a regal way, even with her crippling injuries. She still looked like that Beauty Queen she had been.

I enjoyed our visits from time to time.

It was so fun when our other friend Shirley got married and the fun Shirley A had teasing Shirley J as we shared in the excitement of her coming wedding day and celebrated together at her Bridal shower.

I enjoyed the honest comments and insights she would bring to our Bible Study group.

She will be dearly missed by all.

My deepest sympathy to her family that we love dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Much Love,

Barb Petersen

**Barbara Petersen** - September 24, 2018 at 02:21 PM