



Shirley I. Lockhorn

May 18, 1940 - April 14, 2025

Shirley Lockhorn, 84, of Kearney, died April 14, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Home Keens Memorial in Kearney. Memorial Mass will be 10:00 am, April 22, 2025, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna with Fr. Harlan Waskowiak officiating. Burial will be 1:30 pm, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Prairie Center. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, April 21, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and cremation Services with a Rosary at 6:00 pm. Memorials are suggested to Mt. Carmel Home Keens Memorial or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Shirley was born May 18, 1940, to Rupert and Irene (Schuller) Stittle. She was the first of 12 children and grew up on the Stittle Family Farm south of Ravenna. After graduating from Ravenna High School, she attended the College of Saint Mary's in Omaha for one year.

Shirley married Leonard Lockhorn on September 1, 1959. They farmed near Pleasanton and were blessed with three children, Nancy, Roger, and Keith. They were married for 31 years until Leonard's death in 1990.

Shirley will be remembered for her Catholic faith, her family, the farm, and her hard work-ethic. When Leonard was alive, they worked together farming; taking care of their livestock; calving; raising chickens; both driving the school bus for Pleasanton Public School; going to kids sports and activities, camping,

and traveling. After Leonard passed in 1990, Shirley continued her hard working ways on the farm, downsizing a little, but continuing to work on the farm. She added being a school aide and grandma. She loved kids; driving the school bus to athletic events, band and speech competitions which she even helped judge at times; and served as a sponsor on a band trip to San Antonio.

Shirley tried her best to attend all family events from her brothers and sisters and their families all the way down to her own great grandchildren. She loved traveling with her sisters and friends on the Peterson Center trips and attending her grandchildren's events; from Jared's Legion baseball games to Kayla's sporting events, and Madison's tennis matches. One of her most memorable moments was when her Grandson, Tanner, took her and Nancy up on a plane ride.

The Catholic faith was very important to Shirley. She was the organist, taught CCD, and served on the Altar Society at what was St. Mary's Prairie Center. Shirley was always there to help wherever needed in Pleasanton and was a member of the Pleasanton Lions Club.

Shirley moved off the farm in 2020 into Wel-Life Assisted Living in Kearney. Here, she met Jim Smith of Kearney, who became a very close companion, who helped her through this tough transition in her life. In the summer of 2024, she had a short stay at Country House in Grand Island until returning to Kearney in October to Mount Carmel Nursing Home.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Nancy and Ken Roth of Kearney; son, Roger and Deb Lockhorn of Lincoln; grandchildren, Jared and Amanda Roth of Kearney, Kayla and Denver Lohnes of Gretna, Tanner Lockhorn of Lincoln, Madison Lockhorn and Chris Duerschner of Boise, ID; great grandchildren, Leroy and Naomi Roth of Kearney; brother, Kenny and Cyndy Stittle of

Ravenna; sisters, Pat and Jerome Loeffelholz of Pleasanton, Sharon Marzolf of Ravenna, Carol and Victor Kugler of Hastings, Beverly and Donnie Macek of Ravenna, Marcia and Gary Olson of Red Cloud, NE, Annette and Mike Finke of York, Cathy and Rich Arrona of Chillicothe, OH; sisters in law, Toni Stittle of Ravenna, and Phyllis Stittle of Kearney.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, son, Keith, and brothers, Jerome, Robert and Don Stittle, and sister in law, Loretta Lockhorn.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Prairie Center

31240 190th Road
Riverdale, NE 68870

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 4:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Memorial Mass

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
515 Sicily Avenue
Ravenna, NE

Burial

APR 22. 1:30 PM.

St. Mary'S Catholic Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy, Ken, Roger, Deb and all: I have such great memories of the fun Shirley and your family had with us. All the camping trips for the 4th of July and NYE were so much fun. Shirley was an energizer lady with a great smile. Mom loved spending time with her and Leonard, they were dear family to her. Many prayers for Shirley and you all. I sent a memorial to OLL in Ravenna in Shirley's name.
Cynthia, Grant, and Cecilia Holthaus

Cynthia - May 06, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley I. Lockhorn.



April 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ The Ron & Carolyn Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley I. Lockhorn.



The Ron & Carolyn Family - April 19, 2025 at 06:06 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shirley I. Lockhorn.*



April 18, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Ryan and Justine Owens purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley I. Lockhorn.*



Ryan and Justine Owens - April 16, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Shirley was a great neighbor and family friend. She was always willing to give of her time and effort to those around her. Many of us will remember her and how she touched our lives in some way!*

John Schulte - April 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *I loved and admired this beautiful woman, friend and neighbor. Shirley was full of fun and kindness for everyone. My sincere sympathy to each of you*

Mary Johnson - April 16, 2025 at 09:41 AM