



Shirley Jean Ries

May 12, 1940 - October 11, 2021

Shirley Jean Ries, 81, of Rockwell, IA died on Monday, October 11, 2021 at MercyOne West Campus in Mason City after battling a lengthy illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am with a one hour prior visitation on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 305 Elm St E, Rockwell, IA. Father Josh Link will be officiating with inurnment to follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Shirley was born on May 12, 1940 in Rockwell to William and Sadie (Engels) DeRock. She graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Rockwell. Shirley worked as a cook at the Rockwell Nursing Home for 35 years. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

In her free time, Shirley enjoyed ceramics, word puzzles and watching NBA basketball. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: John (Lynette) Ries, Jim (Karen) Ries, Jerry Ries, Janine Ries and Janell Kelso; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters: Irene (Leon) Caspersen, Marilyn (Bob) Ermer and Dianne (Aaron) Cahalan Salling; special Aunt Grace Lonergan and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jolene Ries; parents, William and Sadie DeRock; sister, Dorothy Cahill and one great-grandchild.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Hearth Catholic Church Cemetery

Rockwell, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
305 Elm Street
Rockwell, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

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305 Elm Street
Rockwell, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Jean Ries*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I was so sad to see the passing of Shirley. We worked together as cooks at the Rockwell Nursing Home from 1985-1988.*

She was a wonderful caring person, always a joy to be around. I was young at the time and didn't truly appreciate how thoughtful she was of other people's feelings. A very gentle soul, she will be missed.

brian Litton - February 08, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Shirley was a great lady and have nothing but great memories of her growing up. Our Family get together on Holidays are memories I will cherish forever with all my Aunts/Uncles & fun Cousins!*

She is in a better place now hanging with Dorothy!

My condolences go out to all my Ries Cousins!

Rest in Peace Shirley

*Love,
Pat & Rose*

Pat & Rose Cahill - October 15, 2021 at 10:37 PM

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“ *Janice Caspersen Foley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Ries*



Janice Caspersen Foley - October 14, 2021 at 10:48 PM

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“ *Dianne Cahalan Salling lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Ries*



Dianne Cahalan Salling - October 13, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Ries.*



October 13, 2021 at 07:08 PM