



Shirley Ann Vodicka

November 19, 1934 - September 19, 2014

Mrs. Shirley Ann Vodicka, age 79 of Bolivar, passed away Friday afternoon, September 19, 2014 at the Citizen's Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar after a lingering illness.

She was born in Enid, Oklahoma on November 19, 1934, to Albert Elvin Griffith and Mary Floy (Martin). She was raised in Lahoma, Oklahoma. Leaving behind very dear friends and a leading position on her high school basketball team, her family moved to Bolivar, Missouri, in her senior year.

Remaining close to friends back in Oklahoma, she was preparing to return when she met Edward Anthony Vodicka; she stayed, they married and started their family...moving into the Vodicka homestead in Karlin, Missouri. In 1961, with 4 children in tow, Ed and Shirley moved to Springfield, Missouri, where their fifth child was born a year later.

Shirley completed her schooling as a Licensed Practice Nurse, working various positions in the Springfield area. Through the years she has remained close to her nursing friends, as well as those in Oklahoma.

She joined Ed in retirement and they moved to Louisburg in 1984. Always enjoying her favorite pastime, knitting and crocheting...many friends and family have received an afghan or two as a wedding or Christmas gift. As she

settled into retirement she began crafting doll dresses and clothed man dolls for Share Your Christmas. As they settled into Louisburg, they had even more time to enjoy square dancing, a favorite activity they enjoyed with family and friends.

Interests expanded to include the genealogy of both family names. In their travels, they visited many family homesteads to learn of both family trees. So interested in sharing her knowledge, she compelled family members from near and far to join in extended family reunions, inviting generations from across the United States to gather.

Shriley is survived by her husband Edward A. (Ed) Vodicka, Sr., of the couple's home in Bolivar; one daughter, Pam Vodicka, and husband David Harter, of Columbia, MD; three sons, Ed Vodicka, and wife Christa, of Nixa, MO; Greg Vodicka, and wife Teri, of Bolivar, MO; Martin Vodicka, of Bolivar, MO; one sister, Alberta Faust, and husband Edwin, of Raytown, MO; three grandchildren, Alex, Hannah and Madison; and one great granddaughter, Colby Jean Marie.

She is preceded in death by one son, Kerry Joseph Vodicka.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Bolivar, at 6:00 pm, with a prayer service, including Rosary, to start at 7:00 pm

The Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, October 1, at 10:00 am, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Patrick Wissmen officiating, with a luncheon to follow in the church hall.

The Family request that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Foundation Suicide Prevention Association, or the National Ataxia

Foundation.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Vodicka*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Shirley Ann Vodicka*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ed and family,
We were so sorry to hear of Shirley passing away. We are praying for you and your family at this difficult time. Certainly she was a special lady.*

Dick and Betty (Higbee) Clark - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace and comfort my friend Shirley. I will help take care of your lovely daughter. You were an awesome momma to her. I will see you again in heaven.*

Sharon & Merrit Baker - September 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept our sympathies on the loss of Shirley. We are thinking of you all at this sad time.*

Theresa, Bill & Lily - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Our condolences on the loss of Shirley. She and her family were neighbors and friends to my family for years. She will be missed.

Ginger (Potter) Hill - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Pam my dear....I am so sorry for your loss sweetie. You are in my prayers. Your Mother's picture is so lovely. Thinking of u all and love u dearly!!

Janet Glenn - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ MY PRAYER ARE WITH THE FAMILY .SHE WAS A SPECIAL PERSON GOD BLESS LOVE LADONNA KAY JANET REMINGTON

LADONNACONROY - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Wishing you and your family strength and peace.

Virginia Trusty - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I will hold dear all of my happy memory's of Shirley. She was such a sweet lady and will be truly missed.

fonda cauthron - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I have fond memories of Mrs. Vodicka, that's who she was to me, when I was in middle school and hanging out at your house.

I am so sorry for your loss.

DeDe (Henderson) Vest - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Shirley u will b missed Now u can go talk to dad(gene) I'm sure u will have a lot of things it say to each other. I'm so glad I got to c u all a few years ago. Rest in peace and we will c each other one day again. I love u Theresa

Theresa podany jones - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Dear Eddie,
I wish to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife. I cannot attend because I recently had open-heart surgery.
Your classmate, Ernest

Ernest Pierce - September 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ To the Vodicka family,from the Holm family, we express our deepest sympathy. Prayers are with your family in this time of need.

Julie Quin - September 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Alberta, my deepest sympathy. I have fond memories of Shirley.
David

David Hutcheson - September 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM