Shirley Lemon

November 18, 1936 - February 27, 2016

Shirley Lemon, 79, of Altoona and formerly of Eddyville and Fremont, died Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Bright Kavanagh House in Des Moines. She was born Wednesday, November 18, 1936, in Schuyler County, Missouri, the daughter of Ramon and Winnifred Elizabeth Cooksey Rowe. She graduated from Lancaster High School at the age of 16. On March 31, 1965, Shirley was united in marriage to (Paul) Keith Lemon at Glenwood, Missouri. Keith died in 1999. Shirley worked as a manager and area coordinator for Iowa Workforce Development for 28 years, she retired in 1998. She was a past president of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Securiy (IAPES).

Her family includes her daughters: Penny Baker (& Cecil Wright) of Altoona and Sandra Maxwell of Pella; eight grandsons: Christopher (& Rochelle) Baker of Altoona, Cory (& Caroline) Baker of Des Moines, Duncan (& April) Wright of Columbia, South Carolina, Cameron Wright of Grimes, Carter Wright of Altoona, Wayne “Andy” (& Donna Borrelli) Maxwell of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Shawn (& Jennifer) Maxwell of Beacon, and Garret Kremer- Wright of Little Rock, Arkansas; a granddaughter: Jamie (& Brian) Vink of Pella; 11 great grandchildren: Zackary and Samantha Maxwell of Millersville, Maryland, Allyson and Maddox Maxwell of Beacon, Levi, Owen and Daisy Vink of Pella, Anthony and Kaylea Mendoza of Altoona and Michael and Emma Borrelli of Glen Burnie, Maryland; three sisters-in-law: Connie Rowe of Ottumwa, Florine

Rowe of Williamsburg and Belva Rowe of Albia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers: Dean, Gene and Bill Rowe; an infant sister: Sandra Verlee; and a stepdaughter: Marilyn Brown.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 11 A.M. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel in Fremont with Pastor Alvern Boetsma officiating. Burial will be in Garrett Cemetery near Delta. Visitation will begin after 2 P.M., Monday, February 29, 2016, in the Fremont Funeral Chapel and the family will be present at the funeral chapel Monday from 5 – 7 P.M. to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in Des Moines, the Lupus Foundation of America in Des Moines or the Bright Kavanagh House in Des Moines.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
Fremont, IA 52561
(641) 673-7366
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Service

MAR **1**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

MAR **1** (CT)

Garrett Cemetery
Delta, IA 52550

Tribute Wall

LP

So sorry I will miss hearing Shirley's voice when I called her to see how she was doing. Shirley always seemed so positive despite her many health issues. She had a great family who cared for her and she loved to get all the updates on how everyone was doing and who attended the reunions. I always sent Shirley the very first picture and Christmas card from our reunions. She enjoyed the stories and the conversation. We will miss you Shirley but you will always be in our memories, even at future reunions.

Larry Paul - March 03, 2016 at 06:53 PM

RC

I worked many years with Shirley and always enjoyed working with her. What I am
going to miss most about her, is our emails about our St. Louis Cardinals. So whenever
I think about the Cardinals I will think of Shirley. My prayers are with you.
Russ Coleman

Russ Coleman - March 01, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MG

Sorry to hear of Shirly's passing. I was fortunate to work with her years ago, and fondly recall her as a stand up lady who was more than able to do her part. A very capable person, we were fortunate to have among us for a time. Max Goodvin

max goodvin - March 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM

KM

I worked with Shirley when I started with Job Service of Iowa in 1985. Learned a lot from Shirley. Always have had fond memories of working with Shirley. God's peace and God's strength to Shirley's family.

Kristin Macy - February 29, 2016 at 10:37 PM

JK

I worked with Shirley at Job Service/Iowa Workforce for many years. Shirley was a fine lady and one who could be counted on to get a job done. May God bless all of Shirley's family with peace and comfort. Joe Keeney, Davenport, Iowa.

Joe Keeney - February 29, 2016 at 02:09 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Lemon.

February 29, 2016 at 01:06 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Lemon.

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Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Lemon.

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DV

Dick Voellinger lit a candle in memory of Shirley Lemon

Dick Voellinger - February 29, 2016 at 09:52 AM