



Shirley Ann Reed

October 26, 1936 - September 19, 2017

Shirley Ann Reed, 80, of Cedar, died Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. She was born Monday, October 26, 1936, near Sandyville, Iowa, the daughter of Willard and Hilda Leathers Cowman. On September 19, 1954, Shirley was united in marriage to Melvin Reed at the Fremont Baptist Church in Fremont. Shirley was a homemaker and a farm wife her whole life where she raised her family. She attended Wright Union Church and Fremont Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, making floral arrangements for decorating the cemetery, baking pies with her sisters, playing bingo, cards and games with her family and friends and writing letters and cards. Melvin and Shirley enjoyed winter camping in Texas. She cherished time with her children and grandchildren most of all.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years: Melvin Reed of Cedar; her son: Ron (& Becky) Reed of Fremont; her daughter: Rhonda (& David) Simms of Oskaloosa; six grandchildren: Brad Simms, Angie Simms, Derrick (& Megan) Simms, Jessica Reed (& fiancé Isaac Brehmer), Megan (& Brian) Powell and Caitlin (& Justin) Oilar; five great grandchildren: Liam, Clayton, Emersyn, Hadley and Taya; and a sister: Betty Handy of Oskaloosa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son: Bradley Scott Reed; two sisters: Doris Cowman and Lucille Sheeley; and two brothers: Kenneth and Jerald Cowman.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 22, 2017, at 10 A.M. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel with Pastor Robb Bruns officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa. Visitation will begin Thursday after 1 P.M. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel and the family will be present at the funeral chapel Thursday from 5 – 7 P.M. to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the Fremont Baptist Church or to the MHP Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Lawn Cemetery

3002 North Court Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
Fremont, IA 52561
(641) 673-7366
ffc@iowatelecom.net
<https://www.fremontfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

SEP 22 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ Sandra Allgood lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Reed



Sandra Allgood - October 06, 2017 at 12:48 PM

SA

“ I am saddened to here of Shirley's passing . I went to see her at serenity house this last spring. I told her I was Sandy Alveta's granddaughter and she looked at me with a big smile. I said Alveta Boggeess again and Shirley said she's a nice lady . Shirley talked a bit to me even told me to becareful of the men on the train that deliver the water , she told me twice and calling me lady and saying now you listen ! I kissed her hand and told her I will listen she smiled. Then I told her I know Melvin , Oh her smile shined so big and she said " I love Him" while we were holding hands . We sat quite a bit and I let her know I had to go , I kissed her forehead and said goodbye.
Melvin and Family may God hold you tight.
Love Sandy

Sandra Allgood - October 06, 2017 at 12:44 PM

GA

“ I remember Shirley, and Melvin, from clear back when I was a little girl in Wright. I went to the Wright Union Church with them for several years. I remember Shirley as a wonderful Christian woman, even in seeing her in more recent years. She will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the Reed family.



Ginger Allsup - September 21, 2017 at 12:35 AM

DC

“ What a sweet, sweet lady! My Mom so enjoyed their "coffee times" when my folks lived on the farm. Everyone will miss her kind heart.

Donna (Fisher) Crosby

Donna Crosby - September 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM

DE

“ *What an incredible woman who is a great encourager to both Christy and myself. Your smile is contagious. Her spirit was Christlike. Heaven is now much richer.*
Dave and Christy Engbrecht

Dave Engbrecht - September 20, 2017 at 06:25 AM

VI

“ *I will always cherish her sweet, loving smile and the way she sang JESUS LOVES ME and YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE. So thankful for our time together. I know she will be missed but is in HIS hands!*

Vickie - September 19, 2017 at 11:55 PM