



Shirley Mae Onnen

June 30, 1934 - November 10, 2022

Shirley, age 88, joined her husband in Heaven on Thursday, November 10, 2022. She was a native of Muscatine, IA, but spent much time living in MN and TX and finally residing in Ponchatoula, LA. Shirley owned and operated a cattle and horse ranch for many years with her husband. She took pride in raising Sorrel Percheron Draft horses and her horses participated in many parades and weddings. Her favorite event was the Milwaukee Circus Parade and she attended as many years as she could. Shirley was really talented at embroidering, and she enjoyed sewing on all different types of projects. She was a fiercely strong woman who loved her family deeply. Shirley was a dedicated wife, loving mother, and wonderful Grandma who will be forever missed.

She is survived by her sons, Randy Whitt (Holly) of Ponchatoula, LA, Todd Onnen (Janelle) of Grundy Center, IA, Rod Onnen of Grundy Center, IA, Robby Onnen (Jill) of Grundy Center, IA; four granddaughters; three grandsons; and nine great-grandchildren.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Dean Onnen; father, Raymond Schmelzer; mother, Bernadine Keeler Tobias; and one brother.

A cremation was held and private family services will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the entire staff at Life Source Hospice, please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved one. Our hearts are moved with compassion for you and your family. May the peace and comfort of God be with you all during this time of bereavement.
Pastor Ray Smith
Bereavement Coordinator

Raynell Smith - November 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing! My family new of Shirley & Jerry when they owned the truck stop in Belle Plaine, Mn. & Were our neighbors for a while! Such nice people! RIP Love from the Harris Family!

Marla Harris - November 13, 2022 at 05:40 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Shirley's family. I loved spending time with Jerry & Shirley when they lived in Rolfe. She was a special lady.

Jennifer Trenary - November 13, 2022 at 01:28 PM