



Shirley Mae Uetz

May 23, 1936 - February 5, 2023

Shirley Mae Uetz, 86, formerly of Beach, ND passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in Klamath Falls, OR.

Shirley was born May 23, 1936, in Beach to Kyle and Lillian (Russell) Sperry. She was raised on the Sperry ranch near Trotters, ND, attended CS Divide grade school at Trotters, and graduated from Beach High School.

On October 10, 1957, Shirley married the love of her life, Charles J. (Chuck) Uetz at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sentinel Butte, ND. They initially settled on Chuck's family farm just north of Sentinel Butte, where they added three children (Anna Marie, Michael, & Alan). Eventually, they moved to Beach where they lived for almost 50 years. Shirley began her professional career working at the ASCS office in Beach, followed by a long career at the local Beach bank. In 2019, they moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Shirley/Mom/Grandma was a thoughtful and caring person. She was quick to share a smile and always ready to help when someone was in need. In her earlier years, growing up on the family ranch, she enjoyed horseback riding and was crowned Rodeo Queen at the county fair during her senior year in High School. After marriage, her passions were her family, her faith, her friends, and serving the community. She enjoyed hosting family during the holidays. Shirley loved to cook delicious meals and enjoyed sitting around the kitchen table sharing stories. She loved to dance and met Chuck during a barn dance at a neighbor's ranch near Trotters. She also enjoyed playing cards, particularly pinochle, euchre, and whist with family and friends. A daily

ritual also included afternoon coffee gatherings where everyone was welcome. Upon retirement, Shirley's world revolved around her family. She looked forward to their visits, and she and Chuck made many trips to Horace, ND, Chicago, IL, and Klamath Falls to spend time with their children and grandchildren. She was the foundation of our family, and we will miss her dearly.

Shirley is survived by her three children, Anna (Ross) Fleming of Klamath Falls, Michael (Nick Rave) Uetz of Chicago, and Alan (Deb) Uetz of Horace; four grandchildren, Spencer (Maggie) Uetz of Springfield, IL, Landon (Christa) Uetz of Chandler, AZ, Sawyer (Reed) Cronin of Fargo, ND, and Taylor (Becca) Fleming of Klamath Falls; three great-grandchildren, Kohen, Jersey, and Palmer Uetz; her sister, Bethine Sperry of Sidney, MT, and her sister-in-law, Marcia Sperry of Trotters, ND.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck; her parents, Kyle and Lillian Sperry, and siblings, Betty Jean Smith, Kyle "Bud" Sperry Jr., and Marge Kronschnabel.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM at St. John's Catholic Church in Beach. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Dan Berg officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Shirley's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association at: <https://diabetes.org/>. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Vigil Service

MAR 24. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
162 2nd Avenue Northeast
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Prayerful sympathy to the Uetz family! Shirley was a beautiful lady, always gracious and smiling! Now she and Chuck rejoice forever in God's loving presence*

Sister Susan Lardy - March 24, 2023 at 08:01 PM

MU

Thank you for those kind words sister Susan. Mom and Dad had great respect for you, and we all have fond memories of your family growing up. Hope you are well.

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:15 PM

SK

“ *Sending comforting thoughts and prayers to the family for you to find peace in the many memories of your mom. May Shirley be resting in the arms of Jesus.*

Shelly Hardy Kuntz - March 24, 2023 at 01:16 PM

MU

Thank you Shelly. My parents loved having your mother for a neighbor, and you and your brothers were always so helpful and watched over them. We really appreciate you!

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Uetz.*



March 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Uetz.*



March 22, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *I remember Shirley - so very kind and gracious. Suzi Williams*

Susan Williams - March 21, 2023 at 03:47 PM



Thank you Suzi!

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Uetz.*



March 20, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Uetz.*



March 18, 2023 at 02:34 PM

JK

“ Justin Kiffin Kohanes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Uetz



Justin & Kiffin Kohanes - March 05, 2023 at 12:09 PM

MU

Thank you Kiffin and Justin. We appreciate you!

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:17 PM

ML

“ Shirley and Chuck were always so very friendly to Sharon and I, I knew them since I was in high school and that has been a good many years ago.
Eternal Rest Grant unto Her O Lord and let the Prepetal Light Shine on Her

maurice lardy - February 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM

MU

Thank you Maurice. We appreciate your kind words.

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:18 PM

ME

“ Mark Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Shirley Uetz



Mark and Dawn Egan - February 10, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MU

Thank you for your thoughtfulness Mark and Dawn.

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JO

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for all. Loved working with Shirley many years ago and being friends with Shirley and Chuck in later years. They were such wonderful people. Loved hearing about their kids through the years.*

Janel and Bud Ordahl - February 08, 2023 at 09:38 PM

MU

Thank you for those kind words and wonderful memories. It was great catching up with you at the service.

Michael Uetz - April 06, 2023 at 02:19 PM

JO

“ *Janel Bud Ordahl lit a candle in memory of Shirley Uetz*



Janel and Bud Ordahl - February 08, 2023 at 09:33 PM