

## *Remembering Shirley*

Shirley Gertrude Steffe, 91, of Hot Springs, South Dakota, formerly of Chadron, Nebraska and Piedmont, SD was born Feb. 7, 1932, on a farm in Primghar Iowa.. She passed away April 29, 2023, at Seven Sisters Nursing Home, Hot Springs, SD. She spent her early years in rural O'Brien County, Iowa until her family moved to a farm near Quimby, Iowa. She graduated from Quimby High School in 1950 where she was very active in basketball and music. While attending college at Iowa State University and Westmar College she attained her teaching certificate in 1952. Shirley taught for many years in the rural Dawes and Sheridan counties, NE as well as the Pine Ridge Reservation, SD.

Dirl H. Steffe Sr. and Shirley G. Larsen were married on June 26, 1953, in Quimby, Iowa. Dirl and Shirley resided in Plymouth, Iowa until moving to LeMars, while he finished his teaching degree. They lived in Merrill, LeMars IA and Vermillion, SD before settling in Chadron, NE where Dirl and Shirley raised their family and he taught at Chadron State College (CSC). She was active in CSC Faculty Wives, serving as President, and was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. In 1976 she attained her Bachelor Degree in Art and Education from CSC.

Upon Dirl's retirement, they moved to their dream home in rural Piedmont, SD and spent many happy years traveling the Southwest in their RV, visiting many places and making new friends. Shirley continued to substitute teach and enjoyed many hobbies including playing bridge, painting, traveling, and bowling. In her later years, she enjoyed taking her grandkids to get treats and loved the color purple, Elvis, Willie Nelson, Taco Tuesday and Reese Peanut Butter Cups.

Shirley was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and touched many lives as a great elementary teacher.

She is survived by her husband Dirl Steffe Sr. of Hot Springs, SD, Children: Dirlene (Neil) Wheeler of Talent, OR, Dirl Jr. (Vicki) Steffe of Hot Springs, SD, Dianne (Webb) Johnson of Crawford, NE, Denise (Bill) Atkinson of Huntington WV, and grandchildren Haley, Angie, Amber, Molly, Kelsey, Ashley, Zach, Ariel and Sapphire, and 16 great grandchildren, also her sister Joyce Steffe, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Chris and Sarah Larsen, granddaughter Myriah Jo Johnson and sister Mildred Stevenson.

*Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home*

# *In Loving Memory*



*Shirley Gertrude Steffe  
February 7, 1932—April 29, 2023*

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now  
I'm free  
I'm following the path God  
has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard  
His call  
I turned my back and left it  
all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys-  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine for tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief-  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



## In Loving Memory Of Shirley Gertrude Steffe

February 7, 1932  
Primghar, Iowa

April 29, 2023  
Hot Springs, South Dakota

**VISITATION**  
9:00 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023

**FUNERAL SERVICES**  
10:00 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023  
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home, Hot Springs, South Dakota

**OFFICIANT**—Reverend Dr. J. Edwin Coates

**LIVE MUSIC BY THE CHURCH FAMILY SINGERS**  
"I'll Fly Away" "The Old Rugged Cross"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
"Amazing Grace" "Jesus Loves Me"

**POSTLUDE**  
"On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson

### PALLBEARERS

Haley Anders	Angie O'Bryan
Amber Brink	Molly Mullane
Kelsey Keslar	Ashley Pfleger
Zach Wheeler	Ariel Atkinson
Sapphire Atkinson	

### FAMILY STORIES

**LUNCHEON**  
Southern Hills Evangelical Free Church

**COMMittal SERVICES**  
2:00 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023,  
Marsland Cemetery, Marsland, Nebraska

**OFFICIANT**— Reverend Lami Oladimeji

**REFRESHMENTS**-At Johnson's Ranch

### MEMORIALS

A memorial has been established to benefit the Loneman School,  
donations may be sent to: Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home  
P.O. Box 812, Hot Springs, SD 57747