



## **Shirley (Olson) Jacob**

12/14/1929 - 06/03/2018

For those who did not grow up in a depression era, family-oriented, hard-working, ethical, environmentally conscious family, please know these important things: Always greet your family, friends (and strangers) enthusiastically, with a big, friendly smile and some kind words. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. That folded up piece of aluminum foil in your kitchen drawer can be used again and again, for up to 25 years if you're careful with it. Gift wrapping paper and bows can be re-used for up to 30 years. If you bring children into this world, it is YOUR responsibility to take care of them. Used coffee grounds can be re-roasted in your oven on a brown paper bag and brewed a second time. No matter what you are going through, there will always be someone who has it better and someone who has it worse than you. Don't swear. Eat hardy. If you answer the TV remote instead of the telephone, you won't be able to hear the person on the other end of the line. Gardening is extremely therapeutic, and everybody likes flowers. When calling trump' in the card game Rook', always choose the color you have the most of, even if you have higher cards in another suit. Remember those twice-roasted coffee grounds? They make excellent compost after round-two in the coffee maker. Add those coffee grounds to the plastic compost pail under your kitchen sink. Follow the wisdom in the Bible. "Rise and Shine" every morning!

Although the Lord decided to call Shirley home on Sunday, June 3, 2018, the precious, intangible gifts she left behind will continue to enrich the lives of those she touched, and those who choose to follow her examples and heed her wisdom. As a silver lining to her departure from life, she was remarkably healthy and active until a stroke took her quickly, limiting her suffering. She was surrounded by family in the comfort of her own living room in the town of Winchester when she took her final breath.

Shirley was born on December 14, 1929, the 12th of 14 children to Henry and Laura (Sauby) Olson. The family lived on North Loop Road in Larsen, Clayton Township. She graduated from Winneconne High School in 1947. On May 20, 1950, she married Gordon Jacob of Neenah. In 1965 Shirley purchased the homestead where she grew up, and raised her own eight children there. She retired at the age of 62 from Theda Clark hospital where she worked at the admittance desk. She then kept very busy in retirement, keeping connected with relatives, friends and her garden on a daily basis. If you received Shirley's 'garden tour' upon your visit then you shared one of her greatest therapeutic joys. Shirley's home was a haven of safety and love, where all were treated with respect and interest, no exceptions!

Shirley is survived by one sister, Lou (Roger) Seelow; and eight grateful children; Dave (Kim), Bill (Diane), Mark (Danette), Paul, Tom (Kerri), Rick (Colleen), Caroline (Ken) Christian, and Barb Jacob. Shirley is also survived by a whole lot of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who gave her much joy and happiness throughout her life. All will miss the frequent gatherings at grandma's house. Equally missed will be the smell of baking buns (no one

could eat just two).

Seven sisters and five brothers beat Shirley to the finish line; Ruth (Joe) Peterson, Doris (Emil) Lenz, Beatrice (Gordon) Johnson, Mae (John) Herman, Marjorie (Willard) Olson, Ginny (Jerry) Winter, Bonny (Sonny) Borchert, Orrin (Geneva), Donald (Phoebe), Bayward (Rosemary), Ruebin (Lois), and Leo.

To the many relatives and friends who spent time with Shirley over the past years, please know how important your visits and conversations were to her. She was always excited to talk about who visited, or who she spoke with on the phone. She lived to interact with others. And as her family, we are sincerely grateful to each of you for playing a role in her long and happy life. Instead of monetary gifts, please do something kind and thoughtful for another human being in remembrance of Shirley's compassionate heart. And know that the most important things about our Shirley will be passed on, generation after generation, presumably just as she inherited her positive attitude and kind heart from Henry and Laura Olson. Shirley's children take comfort in knowing they come from good stock'.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, June 8, 2018, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home 904 E. Main St. Winneconne. Visitation will continue on Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester 8396 Steeple Hill Dr. Larsen, Wisconsin. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Connie Bramlett officiating. Burial will follow in the Clayton Cemetery. If you wish please submit online condolences to [muellerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://muellerfuneralhomeinc.com).