



Margaret Ellen Shontz

March 13, 1946 - October 4, 2024

Margaret Ellen Shontz, 78, of rural Cedar Falls, passed away unexpectedly on October 4, 2024, at her home.

Margaret was born on March 13, 1946, to Harold and Marjorie (Davis) Rouse of Walker, Iowa, and later of Brandon, Iowa. Margaret graduated from Vinton High School in 1964, and from the University of Northern Iowa with a B.A. in 1967, her M.A. in 1968, and an Ed.S. in 1970. Margaret taught business education classes at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (1968-1971), Northeast Community School District at Goose Lake (1971-1973), and at the University of Northern Iowa (1973-1975.)

Margaret married Gary Shontz of Tipton on July 22, 1972. They have three children: Suzanne, Robert, and Roxanne. Once she had children, she chose to give up her teaching career to stay home and raise them. Margaret's loves were attending family events, particularly for her grandchildren, as well as traveling. Most recently she was on a two-week trip to Japan with her oldest daughter, Suzanne. She enjoyed writing (including several self-published books) and was a faithful follower of Jesus.

Margaret was preceded in death by her father, Harold, when she was in sixth grade and her mom, Marjorie, in 2017, as well her mother-in-law Eloise Shontz in 2012 and father-in-law Bernal Shontz in 2016. Additionally, she was

preceded in death by various aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her husband, Gary, and their three children: Suzanne Shontz of Lawrence, Kansas, Robert (Tara) Shontz of West Des Moines, Roxanne (Josh) Heimann of Dike, and grandchildren Kaelyn, Katelyn, Braden, and Gianna of West Des Moines and Grady and Kingsley of Dike. She is also survived by Connie (Bill) Cain, Carla (Arlo) Merritt, Sally Shontz, and Ward (Judy) Shontz, aunts Joyce Dircks and Vivian Shontz, various cousins, nieces and nephews, and close friends Bill and Nita Quibell.

Visitation will be 4-6pm Wednesday, October 9th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls and also one hour prior to the service at church. The funeral will be 11am Thursday, October 10th at Celebration First Assembly of God Church in Waterloo. A lunch will be served immediately after the service with the burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls. Online guestbook available at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Celebration First Assembly of God
745 April St
Waterloo , IA 50701

Burial

OCT **10**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Tribute Wall

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Margaret Shontz Service



Richardson Funeral Service - October 15, 2024 at 04:51 PM

RJ

“ Margaret visited Trinidad and stayed at my home in 2009. From that time she was "Mom" to me. She came to GA to be my Mother-Giver at my wedding in 2015. She never forgot our birthdays, anniversary etc and sent the most beautiful cards. She came to GA just to see my daughter when she was born.
A woman with a heart of gold...I will always love you Mom!

Ruth Joseph - October 13, 2024 at 08:36 PM

CJ

“ Charaz J. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Charaz J. - October 13, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CJ

“ Charaz J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Charaz J. - October 13, 2024 at 03:38 PM

EH

“ Ernest Hopper purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Ernest Hopper - October 09, 2024 at 09:28 AM

EH

“ Ernest Hopper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Ernest Hopper - October 09, 2024 at 09:28 AM

CS

“ Candan Tamerler & Malcolm Snead purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Candan Tamerler & Malcolm Snead - October 08, 2024 at 07:53 PM

CS

“ Candan Tamerler & Malcolm Snead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Candan Tamerler & Malcolm Snead - October 08, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



October 08, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Christine, Olivia, and Thomas Carstensen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Christine, Olivia, and Thomas Carstensen - October 08, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



October 08, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ Medical Center Anesthesiologists planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Medical Center Anesthesiologists - October 08, 2024 at 02:49 PM

HO

“ Henry & Marilyn Owusu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Henry & Marilyn Owusu - October 08, 2024 at 02:34 PM

BL

“ So sorry for your loss, Gary and family.

Brian & Kathryn Looby - October 08, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SF

“ Smithey Owen family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Smithey Owen family - October 08, 2024 at 11:31 AM

WS

“ With love, Molly and John Sweetman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



With love, Molly and John Sweetman - October 07, 2024 at 01:16 PM

PF

“ I always loved to visit with Margaret when she would visit Kansas. She will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to family and friends.

Pam and Tom Farr - October 07, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



October 07, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



October 07, 2024 at 09:49 AM

RL

“ Rusty and Kim Lawrence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Rusty and Kim Lawrence - October 07, 2024 at 09:49 AM

KJ

“ Kathy J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Kathy J. - October 06, 2024 at 11:53 PM

DJ

“ I love the messages, back and forth, to Margaret since we've moved. Always wise and thoughtful. I will miss those. Our sincere condolences, Gary and family. Doug and Kathy Jensen

Doug & Kathy Jensen - October 06, 2024 at 11:52 PM

SK

“ Shawn K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Shawn K. - October 06, 2024 at 07:01 PM

SW

“ Scott and Susan Willms purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Ellen Shontz.



Scott and Susan Willms - October 06, 2024 at 09:42 AM

SW

“ Scott and Susan Willms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Ellen Shontz.

Scott and Susan Willms - October 06, 2024 at 09:42 AM

KW

“ Good memories of time with Margaret while she visited her daughter, Suzanne, in State College, PA! Always good to chat with her online. Larry & Kathy Woods

Kathleen A. Woods - October 06, 2024 at 07:42 AM

EH

First and foremost we send condolences to the Shontz family from the Hopper family of Augusta Ga, Waterloo IA., and Charlotte NC where our family friend Mrs Electricity visited. Whenever we were in the city (Waterloo,) we never past up a visit to ,:;V" street or Vilage end to catch up on family events. Whenever she was in Augusta, she provided pointer on the electric circuit at our house. Portia and Marget enjoyed the old city of Augusta that has lots of historical value. I could on an on because I miss our friendship . The Hopper family will miss Marget, but now she is with her friend Portia, and they can catchup on time missed. If there is anything, anything we can do, feel free to contact us because we will respond. Love You Guys

Etneest Hopper - October 06, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RT

We are so sorry for your loss. We extend our deepest sympathy to you, Gary and your family.
Ron and Velda

Ron and Velda Timmerman - October 06, 2024 at 09:48 PM

MB

Dear Suzanne, Robert, Gary and your family. My sympathy to you. I remember your Mom as the #1 supporter of her children. She was a positive encourager for their interests and projects.

Mim Baker - October 08, 2024 at 10:44 PM

HO

Dear Suzanne,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Losing a parent, especially a mother, is incredibly difficult and painful. The pain can be even more profound when you were separated by distance (I have experienced that). May she rest in eternal peace.

I wish you peace and solitude during this challenging time.

I have placed a decorative plant in your office. I hope that each time you see it, it brings back beautiful and loving memories of your mom.

*With sympathy,
Hossein*

Hossein - October 10, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AJ

Gary and family, I am sorry to see that Margaret has passed away. I saw the two of you sitting in front of me at a UNI volleyball game recently, but I was too far away to greet you. I remembered the days when we were attending 1st Baptist Church. Gene passed away 3 years ago. Life goes on; thankfully our Lord sustains us each day. May He give you and your family the peace and comfort that you need now.

Alice Janssen - October 11, 2024 at 12:01 AM