



Shirley A. Kirkle

February 20, 1929 - November 1, 2018

Shirley Arlene Kirkle (1929-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Shirley Arlene Kirkle, 89, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Western Home Communities – Deery Suites.

She was born February 20, 1929, in Cedar Falls, daughter of David and Edith (Morgan) Tiller. She married Robert E. Kirkle on January 6, 1952, at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. He died May 28, 1979.

Shirley graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1946. She worked as a homemaker, raising five children. Shirley was the Grand Marshal of the My Waterloo Days 150th birthday celebration parade, as the descendant of Washington and Mary (Melrose) Hanna, founders of Waterloo.

Survived by: four sons, David (Barb) Kirkle of Cedar Falls, Dan (Kari) Kirkle of Pilot Point, TX, Timothy (Julie) Kirkle of Cedar Falls, and Thomas (Sue) Kirkle of Saint Joseph, MO; one daughter, Kathleen (John) Miller of Taylor Ridge, IL; ten grandchildren: Amanda, Miriam, Sarah, Josh, Katie, Jason, Kellee, Rebecca, Jacob, Jessica; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Clayton Tiller; and sister-in-law, Elaine Tiller.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6th at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls, with burial in Washington Chapel Cemetery, rural Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5th at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Cemetery Details

Washington Chapel Cemetery

7035 W Bennington Rd
Cedar Falls, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Sophia Kelly lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Kinkle*



sophia kelly - November 24, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SK

“ *she was the kindest soul I had ever met I used to play soft ball with her every Thursday I cant believe that this it happening to people my age I'm gonna be on one of these in a couple months.*



sophia kelly - November 24, 2025 at 02:39 PM

SK

“ *Sophia Kelly lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Kinkle*



sophia kelly - November 24, 2025 at 02:38 PM

LR

“ *So sorry to hear of Shirley passing away just found out today always enjoyed visiting with her. Always brought her coffee when had her card game with her friends will miss her. Linda Rasavong from Martin Center.*

Linda rasavong - December 08, 2018 at 05:53 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss of yr dear mom grandma & ext. ❤️❤️❤️ Shirley will always hold a special place in my heart & I will always remember our chats we had & how she loved watching the Vikings play & she gave good hugs too❤️❤️❤️ my thoughts and prayers r with all of u love Mel from MHC ❤️❤️❤️

Melanie Buhr - November 05, 2018 at 09:52 PM

KT

“ Our prayers are with the entire family. Although we never got a chance to meet Shirley, we always heard great things about her.
Kevin and Pam Thorson

Kevin Thorson - November 05, 2018 at 04:22 PM

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Thank you Kevin.

Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 09:28 AM

RB

“ To the Entire Kirkle Family

Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your mother. We had a memorable visit with her in the summer of 2014. Her laugh and smile is something we will always remember.

Bob and Diane Burns

Robert Burns - November 05, 2018 at 09:30 AM

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Thank you Bob.

Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Kinkle.



November 05, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ Shirley,
I will miss you greatly but I have such great memories of our time together. You were always up for an adventure with me. We traveled through corn fields, dirt roads, cemeteries and dusty archives as we plowed through family histories. Of course that required stops at every Dairy Queen we saw and the coffee shops where there was always a chocolate cookie or cupcake waiting for us,
Through the years the adventures got shorter but we always made the best of it with humor and laughs and wheelchair adventures. I will always cherish your great sense of humor, love, laughter and the sparkle in those beautiful blue eyes, You will always be in my heart.
Until our next cup of coffee where ever that might be. Love you much, Susan

Susan - November 04, 2018 at 06:14 PM



Thank you for that Susan. It brought a smile to my face. Mom always spoke of you fondly. She loved all of your adventures, and she loved you! Thank you for always making her a part of your trips back to IA.



Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 08:34 AM

SU

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Susan - November 04, 2018 at 04:58 PM

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Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 09:35 AM

MW

“ I enjoyed my friendship with Shirley and with her family. I especially enjoyed the time she was here at Willowwood. We had good visits. One of my favorite quotes from someone I can't remember--"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die." Shirley will live in many hearts. Margaret Willoughby

Margaret Willoughby - November 04, 2018 at 12:26 PM

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Thank you Margaret. I love that quote!

Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Kirkle.



November 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM

SH

“ I remember the expression on Mrs. Kirkles face when I delivered flowers to her in Waterloo on her birthday. It was delight and confusion when I told her I was a friend of Kitty and Johns and happened to be in the area on business. It was probably 10-15 years ago, but a fond memory of a great lady!

Scott Hess - November 02, 2018 at 08:48 PM

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It was awesome, she was so surprised! Thank you again for doing that for me Scott.

Kitty (Kirkle)Miller - November 06, 2018 at 09:37 AM

SB

Thoughts and Prayers to the whole Kirkle Family, I just heard the news of your Mother, Grandma passing. Hold strong to all the good Memories, they will warm your heart for years to come.
Sue Ball

Sue Ball - November 06, 2018 at 09:55 AM