

# Remembrance

## Shirley Joanne Boysen, 91

April 1, 1928 - May 9, 2019

**HARLAN** – Shirley Joanne Boysen, daughter of Peter and Anna (Larsen) Rattenborg, was born on April 1, 1928 in Kimballton. She was baptized at the Kimballton Lutheran Church and started her schooling in Kimballton until her family moved to Harlan where she graduated with the class of 1946. After high school, Shirley attended business school, riding the train to and from Omaha, NE for training.

On June 24, 1946, Shirley was united in marriage to Robert Arthur Boysen in Harlan and they became the parents of six children: Jim, Tom, JoAnn, Marsha, Ron and Greg. They started their farming life north of Harlan and then in 1958 moved to a farm east of Avoca. Shirley was a loving wife and mother who dedicated her life to helping on the farm and raising her children. She would often take lunch out to her husband and kids both in the field and down to their family-run grain elevator business. In addition to helping on the farm, Shirley enjoyed gardening, reading, embroidering and even sewed many of the clothes her girls wore while growing up. Shirley and Robert enjoyed taking their children on family vacations to Minnesota in the summer and later after their retirement, spent the winter months in Arizona.

Shirley was an active member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan and enjoyed her time with her sisters and friends making noodles and assisting with many of the church functions including funeral lunches.

Shirley died on May, 9, 2019 at the Griswold Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Griswold, having attained the age of 91 years, one month and eight days.

In addition to her husband of nearly 50 years, Robert Boysen who died in 1998, Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Katy Rattenborg and Dorothy Mosher.

She is survived by her children: Jim Boysen and his wife Janice of Shelby; Tom Boysen and his wife Nancy of Council Bluffs; JoAnn and her husband Steve Schauer of Park Rapids, MN; Marsha and her husband Brad Larson of Sioux Center; Ron Boysen and his wife Linda and Greg Boysen and his wife Connie both of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren plus one on the way; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A 10:30 AM Funeral Service was officiated by Pastor Donna Ewert on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. Angela Emerick, Jennifer Deblieck, Karen Boysen, Mikayla Emmanuel, and Bethany Larson served as honorary casket bearers. William Boysen, Andrew Schauer, Cody Boysen, Mark Larson, Tyler Boysen, Jared Boysen, and Alex Boysen served as casket bearers. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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