



Shirley Jean Schuller

August 15, 2023

Shirley Jean (Shockley) Schuller

Shirley Jean Schuller passed away peacefully on August 15, 2023 in Moses Lake, Washington, where she had resided since 1957.

Shirley was born in 1931 in Yakima, Washington. She was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Irene Shockley and granddaughter of E.J. and Lula Shockley, who were early pioneers. She was the great-granddaughter of Hugh and Mary Ann Wiley who homesteaded the present area of Wiley City, Washington.

Shirley attended grade school in Wiley City, riding her horse each day. She graduated from Yakima Senior High in 1950.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Frank Schuller, in 1952. They spent three years living in Florida at Eglin Air Force Base where their first daughter, Ann, was born. After leaving Florida, the family returned to Washington and settled in Moses Lake, where they welcomed their daughter, Sandi, and sons, Howard and Wade.

While raising her family, Shirley provided 25 years of service at Simplot Soilbuilders and spent 9 years as the leader of the 89ers 4-H Club. After retiring from Simplot, Shirley enjoyed many part-time jobs, including the position of the first office secretary for the Moses Lake Roundup. She also worked for 11 years with Hospice and spent time working at Lakeview Florist and Red Rock Creek Furniture.

Shirley was a past member of the Tampico Saddle Club, Appleland Cowgirls, and Eagles. She was a member of the American Legion Aux 209, Moose Lodge, Warden Community Church and the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Chapter #8.

Shirley's family remembers her as a faithful, strong and wise woman as well as a kind, gentle mother and grandmother who was steadfast in times of joy and sorrow. Her radiant smile and borderline mischievous laugh left you knowing there was no one like her. She kept busy with a quilt, a book or some other project, and she always looked for the best each day.

All who knew Shirley will also remember that her greatest joy was cheering on her kids and grandkids in all their various events and activities. Shirley also loved to quilt. In addition to the beautiful creations cherished by her family, she also donated Military quilts through the American Legion and made Western quilts for her adopted cowboys – Bruce, Brady, Josh and Uriah – and countless more quilts for friends. Traveling was another favorite hobby and included trips to Europe, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and 28 of the 50 States. She also loved researching genealogy and connecting with her family.

Shirley lived a life filled with love, family and great friends. Thank you to all who were part of it. In her final days, she left us all with a special message: "Now it's all over and I am where I want to be. Frank and I are together again. So dry up any tears you've shed and get on with life. Love – Laugh – Remember me every so often with a smile. Goodbye all my family and friends. Be happy that I've finished my race and I'm where I want to be."

Shirley is survived by daughter, Sandi (Doug) Berg of Spangle, WA; son, Howard (Brenda) Schuller of Warden, WA; son, Wade (Heather) Schuller of Moses Lake, WA; son-in-law, Dick Ross of Moses Lake; grandchildren, Steven (Karen) Orvik of Spokane, WA; Brian Oakley of Moses Lake, WA; Niki Berg of Marietta, GA; Stacy Stefan (Roeder) of Moses Lake, WA; Casey Jo (Brian) Jeske of Spangle, WA; Kari (Jay) Deitering of Kennewick, WA; David (Wilsar) Schuller of Baltimore, MD; Jeanette Schuller of Moses Lake, WA;

Michael Schuller of Seattle, WA; Jessica (Rocky) Warwick of Moses Lake, WA; and Josh Brown of Moses Lake, WA; 16 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and special sister-in-law Janet Schuller of Moses Lake, WA.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; brother Kenneth Shockley; husband Frank; daughter Ann Ross; granddaughter Shawna Roth; and grandson Scott Berg.

A Celebration of Life will be planned at a date to be determined. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers as we remember Shirley with love.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ My Thoughts and Prayers are with all the Schuller Family during this difficult time. Shirley has been a fond friend for many years and she will be missed.

May she Rest in Peace. Love to all of you. Alice Parker

Alice Parker - August 25, 2023 at 09:22 PM

SJ

“ We're so sorry to hear of Mrs. Schuller's passing. She was such a wonderful person and such a joy to know. Always with a kind word, a smile and lots of news about her family that she was so proud of. I love the picture of her on the appaloosa. She'll always be one of my favorite church ladies but ranching life is how I'll remember her.

Sarah Lynn Jones - August 22, 2023 at 04:05 PM

JL

“ Shirley was a very special lady! I worked with Shirley during those Hospice years. I consider myself blessed to have called her “friend!”

Judy Lindhag - August 21, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CK

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Shirley! We feel blessed to have known her for so many years. Shirley's zest for life was contagious. She made everyone with whom she came in contact with, feel special. RIP dear friend!!

CATHY KERSEY - August 20, 2023 at 09:23 PM

JC

“ I only knew Shirley for a short period of time. She came to live at my apartment complex. She always smiled Her smile is contagious. I will miss her.

Jeanne Cunnington - August 19, 2023 at 09:21 PM

SG

“ Shirley- always steadfast, giving, positive & fun to be around. She will be fondly remembered.

Sally Goodwin - August 18, 2023 at 09:21 AM