



Shirley J. Wagner

August 9, 1922 - March 4, 2014

Shirley J. Wagner, 91, a resident of Moses Lake since 1964 joined her Heavenly Father on March 4, 2014. She was born August 9, 1922 in Willmar, Minnesota to George Tucker and Gladys Rowley. She married her high school sweetheart, Ray H. Wagner, on January 15, 1943. They celebrated 63 years of marriage.

Shirley retired from the Moses Lake School District, where she had worked as a secretary at the high school. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Library, and enjoyed a weekly game of bridge with her friends.

Shirley was a proud Army wife and was always willing to sacrifice for her husband's military career. She said there was no greater honor than to serve your country. She will be buried at a later date beside her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

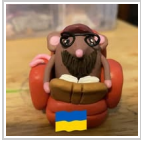
Shirley loved her family and playing games with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father, Elfred Robertson; husband, Ray; son and daughter-in-law Charles and Melissa Wagner; granddaughter, Kara Garbe; and sister, Maxine Brooks. She is survived by her sister, Donna Robertson of Moses Lake; brother-in-law Keith Wagner and

his wife, Joyce of Gold Hill, Oregon; daughters Barbara Garbe and her husband Kerry of Moses Lake and Patrice Shay of Wenatchee; grandchildren, Scott Wagner, Danielle Garbe, BJ Garbe and his wife, Amy, Angela Skwiat and her husband Tony, Joshua Paulsen, Trevor Shay, and Justin Shay; and great-grandchildren, Cody, Mitchell, Jacob, Cole, Cooper, Cash, Payden, and Ava. Shirley also held close to her heart, several nieces and nephews.

Our family wishes to extend our gratitude to Negash and Daisy Mekonen for the compassionate and loving care they gave Shirley.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Lord must have needed some office help. Shirley will straighten things out. I grew up attending the same church as Shirley and always liked her. I was apparently one of the few "good kids" :) but I'm sure I also knew that mom and dad would have received a call from Shirley if I hadn't minded my Ps and Qs. Thank you for all your work as a Friend of the Library. Rest in Peace Shirley you deserve it!* ”

Tim Fuhrman - March 13, 2014 at 09:31 PM

PT

“ *I too, was an office helper and shirley was my supervisor and I can tell you that I never would have wanted her job. She was always fair and she handled things more graciously than I would have* ”

Pam Tea - March 09, 2014 at 09:59 PM

MD

“ *Michael DeShaw lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Wagner* ”



Michael DeShaw - March 08, 2014 at 01:30 PM

JD

“ Shirley & I worked together at Moses Lake High School. She was a "grand" lady: gracious, patient, understanding, encouraging and just a joy to be around! I worked in the counseling office and Shirley was always very supportive of students and faculty ... but maintained a firm hand in her office of attendance. She exemplified "tough love" with her own flare of sweetness! Always on her anniversary her husband would deliver to her MLHS office, long stemmed roses ... one rose for every year of marriage. Needless to say, her bouquet was stunning! It gave us all a bright spot in our day ... Shirley gave to us a precious memory of friendship and love.
Blessings to her family. Janelle Gaber Dorsing

Janelle Gaber Dorsing - March 08, 2014 at 11:47 AM

DH

“ Denise (Hauff) Hancock lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Wagner



Denise (Hauff) Hancock - March 06, 2014 at 10:39 PM

DH

I also was a former student assistant to Mrs. Wagner, I don't believe that my parents received very many phone calls from Mrs. Wagner that weren't legitimate. As being a teachers daughter and good friends of our Principal at the time, I pretty much had to toe the line. I really enjoyed being Mrs. Wagner's student assistant, and by seeing her photo she really hadn't changed much except for the dark hair has turned a beautiful white, which I believe you get from having much wisdom which she certainly did, especially when it came to any student skipping school she didn't miss a beat! My you Rest in Peace Mrs. Wagner.

Denise (Hauff) Hancock - March 06, 2014 at 10:47 PM

RM

“ Shirley Wagner will always be Mrs. Wagner to me. As a youth growing up in Moses Lake everyone eventually got to know Mrs. Wagner. Being a little bit of a rebel in High School my parents (especially my poor Mom) got to know her well. Mrs. Wagner was not initially one of my more favorite people. In fact you could say I despised her. It was not until I was forced by Mr. Hutsell (the principal at the time at MLHS) to be her office assistant for a school year that I began to really appreciate her. Needless to say neither of us wanted to be teamed to the other. However, after some time and a few rough events we began to develop a respect for each other. I discovered she had an impossible job. She discovered I was not the juvenile delinquent she thought I was. I soon discovered she was a very kind compassionate and caring lady. She later told me I was living proof to never judge a book by its cover. I laughed and told her I had learned the same lesson. I saw her years later in Moses one day she said hi and we talked for a few minutes. She said she was enjoying retirement. I told her I had went back to school and gotten my Education Certificate. She said to me in a joking way "There is a God of justice." Then after we quit laughing I told her life is strange. Who would think a lady who worked in a High School Attendance Office would have a strong effect on a persons life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the wagner family. May God bless you one and all in this trying time.
Ray Moog...East Wenatchee, WA

Ray Moog - March 06, 2014 at 09:24 AM

GU

Shirley was truly a very special person at Moses Lake High School and a happy part of our lives there. She was admired and deeply respected by students, and certainly by the staff at MLHS.. She was a worthy part of the HS team, and will always have a special place in our hearts. May she rest in peace, and may her family have peace knowing of the respect Shirley earned and deserved.

Glen Uhlenkott - March 09, 2014 at 05:16 PM

SS

Our dear, sweet Aunt Shirley will be missed so much by her nieces and nephews. She was always there to help us, and talk to us, AND listen to us when we needed her. We have so many wonderful memories of her and Uncle Ray. Hope the two of them are together again, and dancing and having fun! You will NEVER be forgotten!!

Shryleen Stice - March 13, 2014 at 08:31 PM