



Shirley Joan Benson

August 4, 1931 - October 27, 2013

Shirley Joan Benson of Cadillac passed away Sunday, October 27, 2013 surrounded by her family. She was born August 4, 1931 in Cadillac to Charles and Beatrice (Carlson) Erdman. She married Edward E. Benson on May 14, 1949. They were happy to celebrate 58 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2007.

Shirley graduated from Cadillac Senior High in 1949, and retired from the Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District after working as a teacher's aide for many years. She was a long time member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac. She served on the church board and was the Director of the Bell Choir. She enjoyed doing needlepoint, knitting, crocheting and sewing. Her most precious time was spent with her family. After the death of her daughter Lynda, she took great pride in raising her granddaughters Dawn and Michelle.

She is survived by her children: Judy Dean of Cadillac, Charlie (Jean) Benson of New York, Joan Van Steenis of Texas and Jim (Karen) Benson of Cadillac; six grandchildren: Dawn (Rob) Caudell, Michelle Benson (Randy Bailey), Christopher (Mandy) Benson, Casey Benson, Stephanie Yonkman (Brian Hesselink) and Beth (Randy) Kress ; five great grandchildren: Amber Yonkman, Anthony Andreen, Justin Caudell, Kennedy and Zoe Kress ; a brother, Richard (Etta) Erdman of Honor and a sister, Marilyn Jones of Cadillac.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Lynda C. Jacobson in 1982 and sons-in-law Dennis Dean and Al Van Steenis.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30th at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends and relatives may gather from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29th at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Her final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Love INC. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *My love and prayers to Shirley's family. I just learned of her death upon visiting Michigan. Shirley was my Mom's niece.*

Mary Evelyn (Guiles) Stemen - June 28, 2016 at 01:37 PM

KZ

“ *Dear Jim and Karen and family.*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, Jim. She is with your Dad now in Heaven where there is no pain or tears. God BBless you, Karen your children and the entire Benson family.
Ken Zergoski

Ken Zergoski - November 02, 2013 at 05:58 PM

RH

“ *Shirley was a very special, wonderful woman. She always had a warm smile and a caring word. Along the way she had a profound influence on many people, me included. She touched the lives of countless numbers of students; she was a tireless worker who never let life's many obstacles stand in her way. She was very special.*

Peace and love my friend.

Ron

Ron Hellenga - October 30, 2013 at 09:23 PM

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Ron Hellenga - October 30, 2013 at 09:18 PM

BK

“ She will be missed. Always a smile and a place in her heart for you.

Barb Kushmaul - October 30, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DS

“ Aunt Shirley was such a great role model. She had such a strong faith. She was so kind, caring and unselfish. She will be greatly missed by all. May you feel the presence of God during this time of sorrow.

Dave and Anne Richards, Taylor, Parker, Cam and Sawyer - October 29, 2013 at 10:29 PM

AH

“ She was such a good person-My heart goes out to her family. I'm so glad I got to see her and the rest of when I was up. Thank God she had patience and a sense of humor or I never would have survived the sewing lessons:)

Annie Hanson - October 29, 2013 at 05:12 PM

DS

“ I had the privilege to work with Shirley at McKinley Elementary. She was a wonderful person.

Dennis Stratton - October 29, 2013 at 04:48 PM

RM

“ She was a great friend and wonderful person .She will be missed and we are sorry we can't be there . We send our love to the family .

Rich and Claudia Moutsatson - October 29, 2013 at 02:07 PM