



Shirley Mae (Schliepp) Eckstein

12/08/1934 - 08/08/2023

Shirley Mae (Schliepp) Eckstein, age 88, of Oshkosh, passed away Tuesday August 8, 2023, at Eden Meadows Green House home with family at her side.

Shirley was born on December 8, 1934, in Waushara County, the fourth daughter of Ella Schliepp, and was educated in the Berlin School System. Shirley furthered her education at Oshkosh Business College and worked for a time at Buckstaff Company. On October 2, 1954, she married Allan Duane Eckstein at St. John's Lutheran Church in Berlin.

Shirley and Allan were happily married for 59 years, working together at Wilson's Music Company for many years prior to their retirement. In their retirement years, both Shirley and Allan worked at Kitz and Pfeil Hardware. Shirley and Allan were faithful and life-long members of Trinity Lutheran Church-Oshkosh and were involved in many activities at the church.

Shirley and Allan enjoyed traveling and spent 20 winters in Casa Grande, Arizona. Both enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and playing pool with friends and family. Shirley enjoyed baking yummy cookies and bars, growing beautiful roses, and faithfully remembering the birthdays and anniversaries of family members. Striving to make others happy was Shirley's love language.

Shirley was preceded in death by her loving husband, Allan.

She is survived by their three children, Blaine (Gretchen) Eckstein, of Oshkosh; Lori (Tim) Haley, of Pinehurst, North Carolina; Jeff (Lynn) Eckstein, of Mequon; grandchildren, Travis Eckstein (Chelsea), of Town of Omro; Jackie Eckstein (Mike), of Oshkosh; Trevor (Amy) Eckstein, of Winneconne; Tanner Eckstein, of Appleton; Matthew (Andrea) Haley, of Wilmington, North Carolina; Lauren (Wesley) Schwenk, of Southern Pines, North Carolina; Joshua (Aimee) Haley, of Aberdeen, North Carolina; great-grandchildren, Anthony (special friend Cami), Alison, Jaxson, Austin, Abigail, Tyler, Claire, Ella, Haley, Ethan, Elsie, and Scarlet; great-great grandchildren, Axle and Jasper; one sister, Mariel (Chas) Fink; a sister-in-law, Joyce Kellerman; and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends..

Shirley was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lorraine Johnson and Delores Jakubowski; and three brothers-in-law, Arlyn Kellerman, Lester Johnson, and Richard Fink.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 370 Bowen St. Oshkosh. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor James Pemberton officiating. Cremation will follow and interment will be in Lake View Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Shirley's name to Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish, online condolences may be submitted to [muellerfh.net](https://www.muellerfh.net)

Shirley's family extends a sincere thank you to all of the nurses and staff at Gabriel's Villa, Eden Meadows, and Generations Hospice for the care and compassion shown to Shirley during her time with them.