



Sharry Olson

September 23, 1941 – July 11, 2023

“Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep . . .” this prayer was recited for years between Sharry and her husband Curtis as their day ended.

Sharry’s soul to take came Tuesday, July 11, 2023, as she passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family. A funeral service will be held Sunday, July 16, at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, with Pastor Don Rose officiating. Interment will be in Mansfield Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Croix Hospice or Mansfield Lutheran Church Cemetery Association.

One of two children to Harry and Eileen (Rovang) Helgeson, Sharry was born Sept. 23, 1941. She grew up in Lake Mills and lived portions of her adult life in Edina, Mansfield and Albert Lea, Minn. Sharry and Curt celebrated 60 years of marriage Sept. 2, 2023.

Sharry loved to entertain, and no detail was missed when hosting gatherings in her home. Aesthetics were always important, and it showed in everything around her. For 28 years, she made the Mansfield Store coffee table a can’t-miss destination with her home baked goods in the morning. Everyone got spoiled around her, including her pets, Buffy and Oscar. Sharry enjoyed spending the winter months around the pool in Palm Desert, Calif.

Unless you were Curtis, you never heard her complain about anything. Even as COPD and dementia took its toll over the past few years; “It’s a bad air day” was as negative as she could muster. Sharry’s secret for positivity could have been her superpower to look good in yellow. Sharry “owned” yellow like Prince owned purple. She said the majority of her wardrobe was yellow, because it symbolized happiness, friendliness and optimism. That’s a terrific flag to carry for 81 years; her family couldn’t be prouder. We should all wear more yellow.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Curtis; son, Jon (Julie) Olson; grandchildren, Bert and Tillie; and brother, Bob (Kathy) Helgeson.

Sharry was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Don and Wilma Olson; and sister-in-law, Nancy Wetzell.