

Gumtau, Shirley A. d. 10-3-2009
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SHIRLEY ANN GUMTAU

Huxley



Shirley Ann Gumtau, 68, of Huxley, died Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.

Shirley was born November 16, 1940, near Boone, Iowa, the daughter of Stanley and Edna (Sampson) Thompson. After High School Shirley attended AIB in Des Moines. She worked at the State Entomology Lab in Des Moines. Shirley was united in marriage to Raymond "Ray" Gumtau on April 4, 1959 in Boone, Iowa. Shirley and Ray enjoyed traveling and had traveled to all 50 states. Ray preceded Shirley in death on September 19,

1999. Shirley was a volunteer for the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and helped with Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed gardening, decorating and traveling. After Ray's death, Shirley continued her love of traveling and traveled to New Zealand and Australia.

Shirley is survived by four brothers, Donald E. (Roxanna) Thompson of Ames, IA, Gary L. (Barbara) Thompson of Kelley, IA, Alan S. (Marilyn) Thompson of Kelley, IA, Steven Thompson of Huxley, IA; four sisters, Betty R. (Ralph) Netcott of Ames, IA, Elaine J. (Whitey) Ilves of Des Moines, IA, Marjorie E. (Mike) Majors of Webster City, IA, Sandra M. (Rick Graham) Bell of Collins, IA; twenty-two nephews and nieces; thirty-five great-nephews and nieces;

two brothers-in-law, Richard O. Gumtau of Arlington, TX, and Arthur E. (Middy) Gumtau of Oklahoma City, OK.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray; a sister-in-law, Roberta A. Gumtau; and a brother-in-law, Nicholas R. Davis.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Palestine Lutheran Church near Huxley. Interment will be in the Warren Township Cemetery in McCallsburg.

Visitation will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Bacon Funeral Home in Nevada.

Memorials may be made to the Huxley Clothes Pantry and the Huxley Food Pantry.

The Bacon Funeral Home and Crematory in Nevada is handling arrangements.