



Shirley May Whipple

April 27, 1943 - November 3, 2023

Shirley M. Whipple age 80, of Kalkaska passed away peacefully on Friday, November 3, 2023, surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 27, 1943, in Kalkaska, to the late Burr and Dorothy (McKee) Whipple.

Shirley was a teacher at Kalkaska Elementary School for 31 years, retiring in 1997. She loved to tutor her nieces and nephews over the years. That is one of her nieces and nephews fond memories they will hold dear to their hearts. She was respected and a friend to numerous people and always wanted to help someone.

She was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Mancelona. Shirley enjoyed crocheting, reading, and genealogy work. She especially loved spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Shirley is survived by her siblings Arthur (Sharon) Whipple, Patricia (Charles) Price, Gertrude (David) Acevedo, and Frances Brooks; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews; her special friend Hazel Alberts.

She was preceded in passing by a brother Bernard Whipple.

A funeral service will take place at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Mancelona on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church or donate a book

to the library or the school in Shirley's name.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
211 Hinman Street
Mancelona, MI 49659

Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ms. Whipple was a great teacher. She really cared for her students and taught us well. I am sorry to hear of your loss. Linda Udell

Linda Robertson - January 01, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MP

“ Shirley was my neighbor for 40 years. She always kept me updated on events in town. We sharer amazing conversations between the fence that divided our side yards. I will miss you, my neighbor and friend.

Marsha Peebles - November 06, 2023 at 06:56 PM

DW

“ Shirley was the first educator to welcome me to Cherry Street Elementary in 1978! She was a breath of fresh air with her personal style and friendliness. She loved the children and it showed. I'm glad to have known her.

Diane Wildfong

Diane Wildfong - November 04, 2023 at 09:03 PM

MP

Shirley was my next door neighbor for 30 years. She kept me updated on all events in town. We had amazing conversations between the fence that separated our side yards. I will miss you greatly, my friend and neighbor.

Marsha Peebles - November 06, 2023 at 06:51 PM

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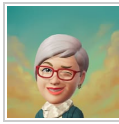
I am sorry to learn of Shirley's passing. I have known her most of my life, including her whole family.

Shirley's Mother, Mrs. Dorothy Whipple was one of my one room country school teachers when I was in grade school. I have fond memories of the Whipple Family. Many, many children, all grown up now, have memories of Miss Shirley as their teacher.

Altho' I hadn't seen Shirley for a long time, I have fond memories of her.

To her family, I understand your loss, and encourage you to enjoy and treasure all your great memories. God Bless each of you!!

Rodgers - November 07, 2023 at 02:15 PM



Was deze Shirley May Whipple ooit gehuwd met Reed L. Brotzman, die in Europa is verongelukt tijdens de WOII? Ben op zoek naar haar/hun dochter

Leny Protzman - November 19, 2024 at 06:34 AM

LM

“ *I am so sorry or your loss.*

Lavina Sieting Mack - November 04, 2023 at 02:31 PM