

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*



REA FUNERAL
CHAPEL &
CREMATION SERVICES

**While processing to the cemetery, please be
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!**

In Loving Memory of



*Shirley Ann
Margaret Abney*

February 18, 1938

July 9, 2025

Shirley Ann Margaret Abney

Shirley Ann Margaret Abney, 87, of Sedalia, MO, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. She was born on February 18, 1938, in Cole Camp, MO, the daughter of Clarence Herbert Miesner and Cora Josephine (Lutjen) Miesner, who preceded her in death.

On June 30, 1957, in Cole Camp, she was united in marriage to Robert Vern Abney, who preceded her in death on August 17, 2018.

Shirley attended Hink School and Trinity Lutheran School in Cole Camp and graduated from Cole Camp High School in 1956. She began her career as a proofreader for the *Sedalia Democrat-Capital*, working there until 1969. Following the birth of her second son, Dan, she chose to stay home full-time to raise her children - a role she cherished.

She was baptized on March 1, 1938, at Immanuel ("Monsees") Lutheran Church and confirmed in 1952 by Pastor Henry Gerike at Trinity Lutheran Church, both in Cole Camp. In her later years, Shirley was an active and devoted member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sedalia.

A passionate St. Louis Cardinals fan, Shirley also enjoyed reading mystery novels, solving crossword puzzles, and watching her favorite game shows. Above all, she treasured spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She especially looked forward to their phone calls and text messages, which always brought her joy.

Shirley was one of the few remaining speakers of Cole Camp Low German and proudly contributed to a locally published Low German book, preserving the heritage she held dear.

She is survived by three sons: Timothy Abney of Manchester, Daniel Abney and his wife Patty of Columbia, and Mark Abney and his wife Julie of Sedalia. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Christina Wagner (Josh) of Columbia; Kevin Edwards (Kim) of Wentzville; Robert Abney (Allison) of Columbia; Leslie Lidholm (Ryan) of Columbia; Tyler Abney, Kassidy Abney, Paige Abney, and Adelynn Abney, all of Sedalia; as well as six great-grandchildren: Luke, Jack, Carter, May, Hudson, and Poppy Ann. Shirley is also survived by her brother, Don Miesner, and his wife Angie of Belton.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Monday, July 14, 2025

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Andrew Tessone

Organist

Debbie Mueller

Special Music

"Beautiful Savior"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"Amazing Grace"

Interment

Cole Camp Memorial Cemetery

Cole Camp, MO

Pallbearers

Robert Abney, Tyler Abney,

Kevin Edwards, Ryan Lidholm, Ron Miesner

Honorary Bearers

Her Granddaughters

Memorial Contributions

Our Savior Lutheran Church Radio Ministry