



In Loving Memory of
Shirley F. Novak
April 6, 1926 ~ October 11, 2022

Scripture/Rosary Service

*St. James Catholic Church
Chamberlain, SD
7:00 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2022*

Funeral Service

*St. James Catholic Church
Chamberlain, SD
10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 22, 2022*

Officiating

Father Bill Hamak

Music

*Linda Potter – Organist
St. James Choir*

Casketbearers

*Michael Novak
Kris Novak
Colton Drake*

*Bart Novak
Phil Velardi
Lucas Strong*

Interment

*Riverview Cemetery
Chamberlain, SD*

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship back in
the church community center following the committal
services.*

Open wide your door, O Lord
Please let me step inside.
Welcome me to your fold
That I may with Thee abide.
Long and weary my journey has been,
I've waited for this day so long.
Please Lord have your angels sing
Their most lovely, welcoming song.

By Carmen Hodgin (Shirley's mother)

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD



Shirley was born in Reliance, S.D. on April 6, 1926 to Arthur and Carmen (Banks) Hodgin. Shirley had eight siblings, including Helen Hodgin, Rita Strong, Mary Lou Weniger, Lorena Murphy, Vivian Gillings, Kenneth Hodgin, Paul Hodgin, and Theron Hodgin. Shirley and her brothers and sisters maintained strong connections, and the next generations of cousins grew up together with close family bonds.

On August 28, 1943, Shirley married Marion “Mike” Novak at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Reliance, S.D. They lived in Mt. Vernon and Tabor, S.D. a short time before moving to Chamberlain in 1949. They had 4 children. During her 60 years in Chamberlain, Shirley was an active participant in her community and church. Shirley worked for Norwest Bank in Chamberlain for 25 years. She was a champion bowler. She loved golf, and also she routinely beat us all at cards. She preserved strong family traditions with the best fried chicken, the best dill pickles, the best ham sandwiches, and above all the best holiday dinners that we, her offspring, attempt to emulate for the next generations.

Following the death of her husband, Shirley moved to Sioux Falls, S.D. in 2009. In 2020, Shirley moved to Rochester, Minn., where she lived with her granddaughter, Kalley Strong and family.

Shirley Hodgin Novak died on October 11, 2022, at the age of 96 years, in the home she shared with her granddaughter, Kalley Strong and family, in Rochester, Minn. She is survived by her children, Michael Novak, Highmore, S.D.; Gary Novak, Seattle, Wash; Pamela and Curt Letsche, Rochester, Minn.; and Brenda Novak, Omaha, Neb.; one brother, Theron Hodgin, Fort Pierre, S.D.; one sister, Vivian Gillings, Chamberlain, S.D.; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding in death were her parents, her husband Mike, daughter-in-law Sharon Novak, four sisters Lorena Murphy, Rita Strong, Mary Lou Weniger, and Helen Hodgin, and three brothers Kenneth Hodgin, Paul Hodgin, and Alan Hodgin.



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