

Celebrating the Life of



Shirley D. Malek Rasche

January 6, 1939 – May 3, 2025



Shirley D. Rasche, 86, of Garner, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Concord Care Center.

Shirley Dianne Rasche, the daughter of Sylvester and Helen (Hrubes) Malek, was born January 6, 1939, in Mason City. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Church in Duncan. In 1956, she graduated from Hayfield Consolidated High School, where she participated in chorus, band, basketball, cheerleading, and the school paper. Shirley attended Eagle Grove Junior College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in music and English from Upper Iowa University. She taught in several Iowa towns, played piano, and sang with Malek's band and several north Iowa bands. She also sang with the house band in The Chart House in Mason City. Her travels took her to Europe several times.

Shirley moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1971. There she taught Middle School Choral music, piano lab, and English in the Broward County schools, retiring in 1998, completing 38 years of teaching. She took Master's Degree classes at Colorado State, St. Leo College, Barry University, and Broward Community College.

On November 10, 1974, Shirley was united in marriage to Karl-Heinz Rasche in Fort Lauderdale. Together they had a music, dance/show quartet, the International Four, and worked from Palm Beach to the Keys and in the Bahamas. For several years, they also owned and operated The Veranda, a patio and casual furniture store. Summers were spent traveling in the motorhome, camping along the way. Following Karl's stroke in 1995, Shirley cared for him in their home until his death in 2001. In 2003, she relocated to Garner.

She enjoyed the ocean, traveling and camping, entertaining, playing the keyboards, watching women's basketball, music concerts, family, and friends. She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan, Red Hat Society, Garfield Hobby Club, was an RSVP volunteer and served on the RSVP Executive Council.

Shirley is survived by her stepson, Shane Rasche of North Miami, FL; step-grandchildren, Justin and Melissa; brother, Bob (Peggy) Malek of Garner; sister, Donna (Don) Jacobsen of Garner; nephews, Ryan (Tracy) Lester, Brent (Amy) Lester and Eric (Kim) Malek; nieces, Crystal Malek and Heidi (Mike) Seaberg; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl in 2001; and her parents.

Memorials may be directed to Duncan Community Hall or the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School Vocal Music Department.

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FUNERAL MASS

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
Duncan, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2025

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

LECTOR

Heidi Seaberg

ALTAR SERVERS

Josephine and Maddie Malek

GIFT BEARERS

Eric and Colton Malek

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist
Louise Zrostlik, Cantor
St. Wenceslaus Choir

USHER

Francis Oborny

CASKET BEARERS

Brent Lester	Eric Malek
Mike Seaberg	Nolan Seaberg
Tom Malek	Ron Hrubes

BURIAL

Memorial Park Cemetery
Mason City, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the funeral mass. Burial will follow the luncheon.

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FUNERAL HOMES