

Shirley Mae Gaber, 87, of Euclid, MN, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday evening, August 27th, 2024, while surrounded by her family.

Shirley was born at home near Red Lake Falls, MN on April 11, 1937, the daughter of Hubert and Agnes (Rode) Hinrichs. She grew up near Red Lake Falls in the areas of Wylie and Dorothy and was raised by her mother and step-father, Victor Gaber. Shirley began her education in local schools and graduated from Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls, the Class of 1955. A few weeks later she was united in marriage to the love of her life, David John "Jack" Gaber on June 25, 1955 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Euclid. Shirley and Jack made their home in Euclid and while Jack was employed by the Burlington Northern Railroad she enjoyed her roles as wife, mother to a growing family of 8, and homemaker. As the kids got older, and bit more independent, she began working for Frito Lay in Grand Forks. She then trained as a Certified Nurse Assistant and joined the staff on the 3rd floor of Riverview Hospital. After several years she became employed with Lutheran Social Services at their Group Home in Crookston and then finished out her career as a CNA at Villa St. Vincent where she was dearly loved by residents and co-workers alike. Sadly, Jack, passed away on February 22, 1998. A year later Shirley retired from her long and rewarding career as a caregiver. Throughout her life Shirley managed to put away a little extra for Christmas gifts by sewing and selling doll clothes for Barbie, American Girl, Baby, and Cabbage Patch dolls.

Shirley loved making quilts, and doing embroidery. During the summer months she could be found in her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. She looked forward to the annual fishing trip with her daughter and family. Nothing brought Shirley more joy than having her home filled with the kids and their families, especially for the holidays. She was an excellent cook and quite famous to family and friends alike for her wonderful apple and pumpkin pies, and basically everything that came from her kitchen. Shirley was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and also held a 50-year membership in the Euclid American Legion Auxiliary.

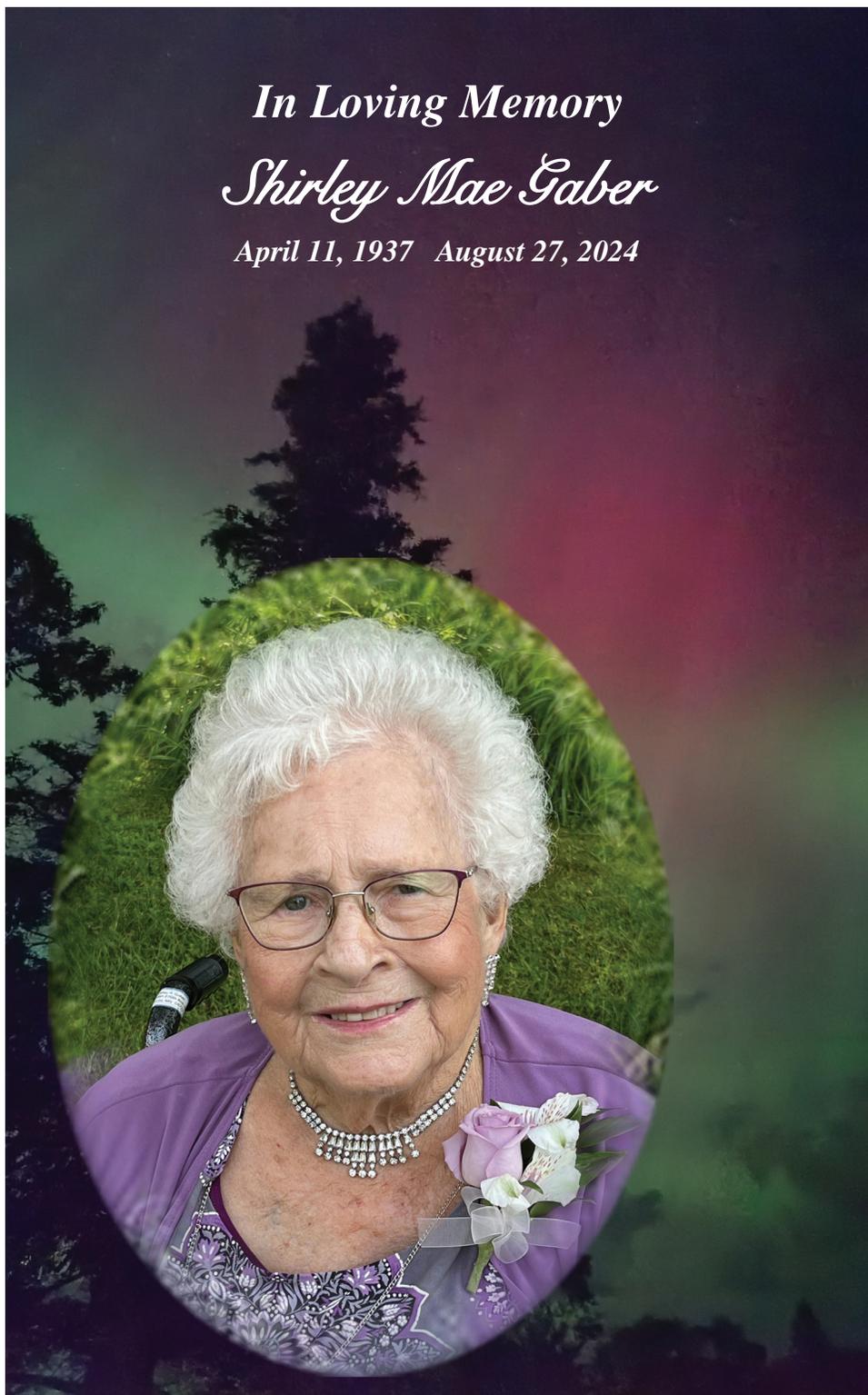
Shirley will be very sadly missed and forever loved by her 7 children: Deb (Jeff) Ramsley of Minnesota Lake, MN, Lynn Gaber of Rochester, MN, Jerry (Margee) Gaber of Las Cruces, NM, Ruby Gaber of Warren, MN, Shelly (Rob) Kappelhoff of Red Lake Falls, MN, Brent Gaber of East Grand Forks, MN, and Paula (John) Borg of Viking, MN; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 siblings: Gloria Cote of Thief River Falls, MN; Joe Gaber of Crookston, MN; Lorna (Carl) Tofsley of Crookston, MN; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends.

In addition to Jack, her beloved husband of 42 years, Shirley is preceded in death by her daughter, Cindy Marie who died on April 21, 2011; a great-grandson, Baby Boy Oeffler; her father, Hubert Hinrichs, and mother and step-father, Agnes and Victor Gaber; an infant brother, Lester; and her parents-in-law, Joseph and Anna Gaber.

In Loving Memory

Shirley Mae Gaber

April 11, 1937 August 27, 2024



CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONORING

Shirley Mae Gaber

April 11, 1937 - August 27, 2024

The Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Euclid, Minnesota

The Rev. Xavier Ilango, presiding

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Romans 6:3-9

Matthew 5:1-12a

Music and Praise

"Be Not Afraid"

"Seed Scattered and Sown"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"Song of Farewell"

"Ave Maria"

"How Great Thou Art"

Patsy Zammert, cantor

Sr. Marguerite Streifel, organist

Urn Bearers

Deb Ramsley Jerry Gaber Brent Gaber

Lynn Gaber Ruby Gaber Paula Borg

Shelly Kappelhoff

Honorary Urn Bearers

Shirley's Beloved Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Tribute

The Euclid American Legion Auxiliary

Burial

St. Dorothy's Cemetery

Dorothy, Minnesota

We would like to thank everyone for your very kind and comforting thoughts and prayers, and for your presence, whether in person or spirit as we say goodbye to our Beautiful Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Sister, and Aunt.

With Grateful Hearts,

Deb and Jeff - Lynn - Jerry and Margee - Ruby - Shelly and Rob

Brent - Paula and John - Two Generations Who Loved Their Grandma

Gloria - Joe - Lorna and Carl - and Family

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

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

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.

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

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.

