Requiem

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.

Robert L. Stevenson

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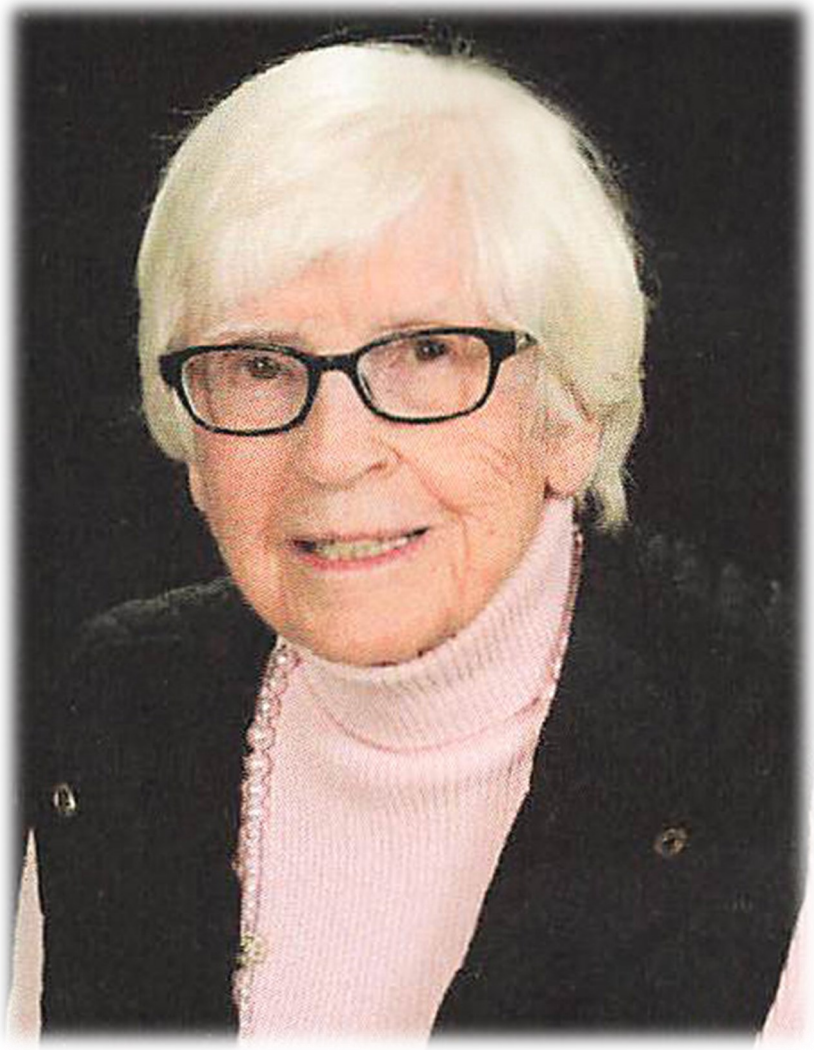
In Loving Memory



Shirley Fullerton

March 11, 1927 — October 22, 2026

Memorial Visitation
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
2:00 to 3:30 PM
Kuhler Funeral Home
Huron, South Dakota

Interment
Riverside Cemetery
Huron, South Dakota

Memorials may be directed to HRMC Hospice in Shirley's name

Shirley, as she was known to all around her, was born in Huron. Her parents were Lois Timberman- DeGeest and William DeGeest. She was raised mostly in Huron, with a scant few years in Watertown, in her early teen years before returning to Huron with her family to graduate from Huron High School on June 6, 1944 - D-Day. Shirley continued her studies at the University of South Dakota, graduating in 1948.

In her youth, Shirley found a deep love for dogs after she found an abandoned Irish setter with a puppy litter, and convinced her dad to adopt the bunch. Ginger, Big Red, Middie and Rusty all had a piece of her heart over her years and she always loved doggie visits to her home. We are certain she is reunited not only with departed family and friends, but also the 4-legged ones as well!

Shirley married Hugh Fullerton in August of 1947. Following the birth of their eldest son in Vermillion and Hugh's college graduation, they returned to Huron where three more sons joined the party and her time was consumed caring for Hugh, her children, her parents, and her in-laws. All this while contracting polio in 1953, surviving the disease, and learning to walk all over again with a resulting life-time disability from the polio. She went from a leg brace and crutches, to brace and canes, to brace and one cane, to a brace she wore for the rest of her life. She could still out-shop the entire family! Truly a remarkable display of courage and conviction she instilled in all the family! Through it all she was an outstanding homemaker, wife, and mother!

Shirley enjoyed many years with her quilt club in Huron; and during the many winters she and Hugh spent in Arizona, she quilted with dear friends, Swanee and Dorothy. She created dozens of quilts with nearly every stitch done by hand, leaving behind true treasures for her family.

Shirley was preceded in passing by husband Hugh, her parents, sister Beverly, and her in-laws.

She is survived by her sons, Hugh Jr. (Nancy) of Sioux Falls, William (Marlene) of Huron, Carroll (Julie) of Wichita, Kansas, Tom (Anne-Marie) of Sioux Falls, and a special son Stefan Spinnell (Sue) of Sweden - who lived with the family as an exchange student.

Shirley had nine grandchildren, Bob (Cheridan) of Houston, Texas, Eddie (Tosha) of Flagstaff, Arizona, Abby of Wolsey, Andy (Amy) of Huron, Jay of Sioux Falls, Andrea (Robert) of Wichita, Kansas, Paul (Sarah) of Wichita, Kansas, Connor of Gainesville, Florida and Riley of Sioux Falls. In addition, she was the proud great-grandmother to Brooks, Silas, Morgan, Charlotte, Genevieve, Lauryn, Ava, Lily, Ben, Wesley, Allyson and Owen. Shirley was quite aware of becoming a great-great-grandmother in the near future.

We invite you all to share with us and celebrate a life well lived!

Shirley passed away peacefully on October 22, 2026, at Avantara — Huron at the age of 99 years, 7 months and 11 days.