



Shirley Ann Swenson

December 17, 1929 - June 5, 2025

Dateline: Spring Grove, MN

Shirley Ann Swenson, 95, died Wednesday, June 5, at Park Lane Assisted Living in Preston, MN.

She was born December 17, 1929, to Edgar and Olga (Thompson) Selness in Allamakee County, Iowa. Her father died when Shirley and her brother, Gaylen, were elementary school students, and eventually the family moved to Spring Grove. She was a 1948 graduate of Spring Grove High School. On October 16, 1949, she married Sander Jerome Swenson at Trinity Lutheran Church, and for most of their years together they operated the Swenson family farm south of Spring Grove in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

Shirley was devoted to the people around her and the tasks put before her. Along with her role of farm wife and mother, she was very active in the Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church women's groups and volunteer organizations. Her kindness and thoughtfulness touched so many over the years and now serve as an inspiration to those who survive: Three daughters, Kathleen (John) Abrahamson of Lanesboro, Nancy (Robert C.) Dalldorf of Wilton, CT, and Mary Lynn (David) Rettig of Middle, IA; six grandchildren, Sarah Solum (Robert Ghoorah), Rebekah Solum (Fouad Michel), Marguerite Abrahamson (Daniel Schwiebert), Elizabeth Abrahamson (Riley Bahl), Robert S. Dalldorf and Katherine Dalldorf; five great grandchildren, Sander Michel,

Grace Ghoorah, Dylan Ghoorah, August Abrahamson-Bahl and Ellis Abrahamson-Bahl; a sister-in-law, Geri Worden, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sander, her parents and her brother, Gaylen.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church, rural Spring Grove, with Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Shirley's family wishes to thank the Park Lane Assisted Living community and staff along with the St. Croix Hospice for their excellent care.

Cemetery Details

Waterloo Ridge Church Cemetery

169 Dorchester Dr.
Dorchester, IA 52140

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church
169 Dorchester Dr.
Dorchester, IA 52140

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Swenson.*



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