



THE FAMILY CHAIN

If Love could have saved you –
You would not have died.
If tears could bring you back
You'd be by our side.

It broke our heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.

MOTHERS NEVER DIE—

THEY JUST KEEP HOUSE UP IN THE SKY

When we are children, we are happy and gay
And our MOTHER is young and she laughs as we play,

They as we grow up, she teaches us truth
And lay life's foundation in the days of our youth—

And then it is time for us to leave home

But her teachings go with us wherever we roam,

For all that she taught us and all that we did

When we were so often just a bad, little kid,

We will often remember and then realize

That MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL and WONDERFULLY WISE...

And as she grows older, we look back with love

Knowing that she "goes home" to receive her reward

She will dwell in GOD'S KINGDOM and

"KEEP HOUSE for THE LORD"

Where she'll "light up" the stars that shine through the night

And keep all the moonbeams "sparkling and bright"

And then with the dawn she'll put the darkness away

As she "scours" the sun to new brilliance each day...

So dry tears of sorrow, for MOTHER'S DON'T DIE...

They just move in with GOD and

"KEEP HOUSE IN THE SKY"

And there in GOD'S KINGDOM, MOTHERS watch from above

To welcome their children with their UNDYING LOVE!

In Loving Memory Of

Shirley Hawkinson

April 3, 1942

Sully Co., South Dakota

August 2, 2016

Faulkton, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, August 5, 2016

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 2016

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKETBEARERS:

Kyle Hawkinson

Kole Hawkinson

Curt Forgey

Bruce Zebroski

Nathan Grabinski

Nick Devine

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Shirley's Grandkids, Great Grandkids, Reiny Dutt,

Staff of Faulkton Senior Living and

Faulkton Area Medical Center

USHER: Karen Willey

PLANIST: Dorcas Storer

SPECIAL MUSIC BY: Jenn Hawkinson

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: "One Day at a Time"
"Amazing Grace" "Friends in Low Places"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Shirley Hawkinson, 74, of Gettysburg, passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Shirley Jean Ripley was born April 3, 1942 in Sully County, South Dakota to Elmer and Betty (Kennedy) Ripley. The family lived west of Onida where she attended rural country school. They moved into Onida in 1953, where Shirley finished her elementary education and graduated from Onida High School in 1960.

In April of 1961, Shirley married James Hawkinson. They made their home on the Hawkinson family farm, where they raised their family until James passed away in 1980. Upon his death, she moved the family into Gettysburg. She began working at the Medicine Rock Café before purchasing the Sunset Café, operating it for a couple of years. Following the café, Shirley worked for Church Mouse Flowers, the Gettysburg Bakery, the Firehouse as a bartender, as a barmaid at several Gettysburg establishments, D & D Grocery Store, and J & B Convenience Store.

In her spare time, Shirley enjoyed painting ceramics, playing bingo, gardening, crocheting, and reading. Above all, she treasured the time she could spend with her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Agar Legion Auxiliary and the Gettysburg VFW Auxiliary.

Those left to cherish her life are her children: Mike (Jennifer) Hawkinson of Conway, AR, Kenny Hawkinson, Michelle Hawkinson, Kellie Hawkinson (Stan Hunnel), and Mary Beth "Muff" (Jason) Johnson, all of Gettysburg; grandchildren: Kyle (Kristin) Hawkinson, Jada Hawkinson, Kole Hawkinson, Steven Hunnel, and Kennedi and Karson Johnson all of Gettysburg; great grandchildren: Kolson and Kaidra Hawkinson of Gettysburg; and siblings: John (Linda) Ripley of Canton, Dixie (Larry) Zebroski of Gettysburg, Cindi (Dan) Forgey of Gettysburg, Deb (Ross) Hyde of Harrold and Lisa (Guy) Trenhaile of Aberdeen; and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

In Loving Memory

Shirley Hawkinson

April 3, 1942 ~ August 2, 2016