Shirley R. Jensen, 92, of Gettysburg passed away Monday, November 2, 2026, at the Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Shirley Rue Offerdahl was born on September 14, 1934, in Union County, South Dakota, to Ralph and Selma (Ellingsen) Offerdahl. She graduated from Alcester High School in 1952.

On February 3, 1954, Shirley married Gorden Jensen in Worthington, Minnesota. The couple made their home in Alcester before relocating to Gettysburg, SD in 1957.

Shirley dedicated 26 years of service to Potter County. During her time there, she assisted with the Food Stamp and Fuel Assistance programs and served as the county's Emergency Manager. She took pride in helping others and serving her community.

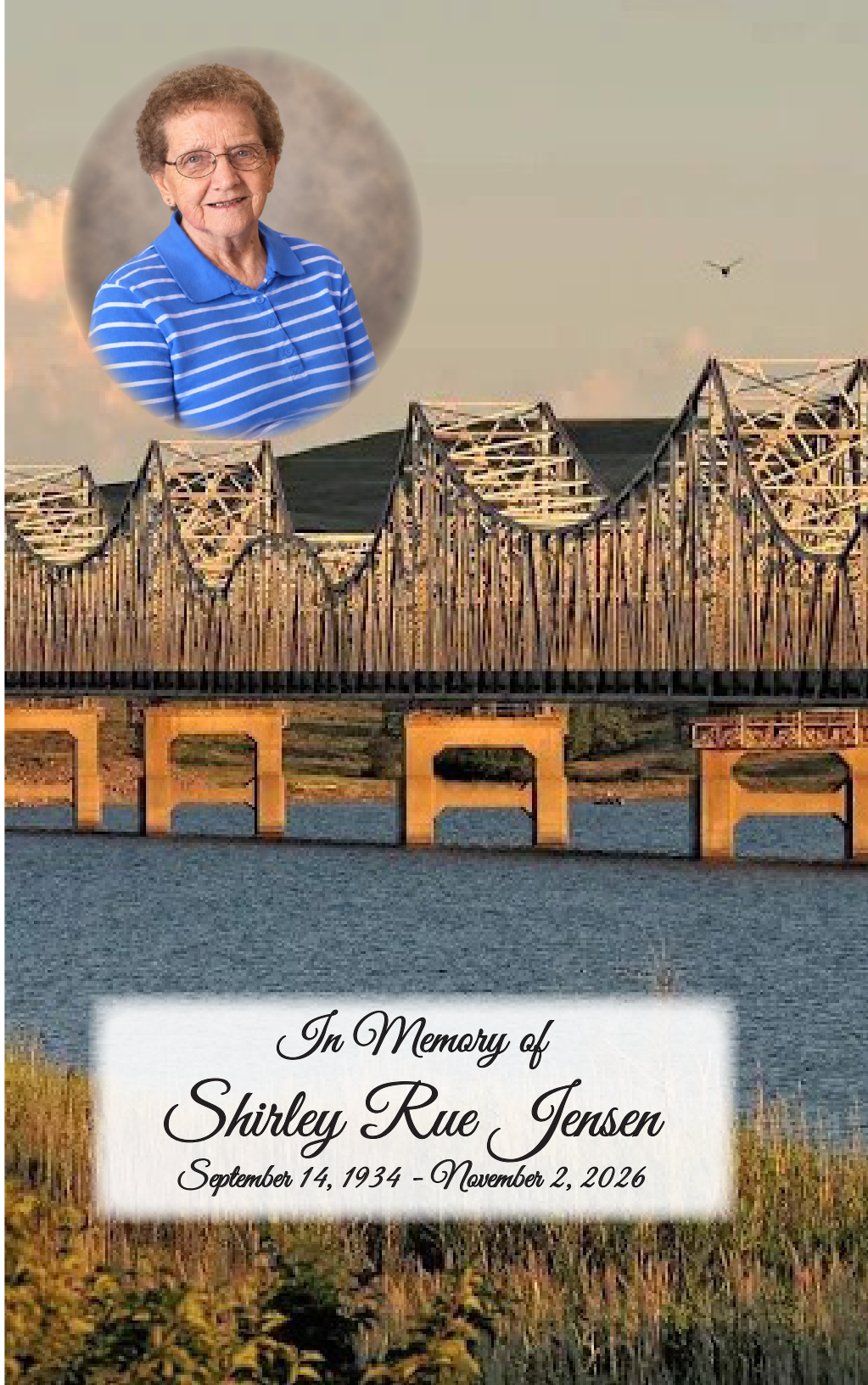
She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the United Methodist Church, where she was actively involved in the Friendship Circle and United Methodist Women.

Shirley is survived by her children: Greg Jensen of Bath, Sharmie Jensen of Aberdeen, and Shannon Johnson (Jeff Burns) of Gettysburg; three grandchildren: Jenna (Kent) Hansen of Aberdeen, Justin (Mackenzie) Jensen of Pierre, and Jessica Rue Johnson of Lincoln, Nebraska; and two great-grandchildren, Elliott and Emmett Hansen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gorden (2003); brother, Edward in the Korean War and daughter-in-law, Deb Jensen.

A special thank you and blessings to the staff at Oahe Manor for the love and exceptional care of Shirley for almost 9 years.

In honor of Shirley, memorials are encouraged to be made by taking a friend or loved one out for a special evening and making memories together.



Mom,

I fell, and you picked me up,
I cried, and you wiped my tears
I was lost, and you brought me home
I wanted fame
and you were my audience.
I desired a friend,
and you were there.
I needed Love,
and you handed me your heart.

We'll Love you always,

Love, your children

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Shirley Rue Jensen

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Funeral Service
1:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, 2026
United Methodist Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Laura Cook

Eulogist
John Lake

Scripture
Kent Hansen

Casketbearers
Greg Jensen ~ Sharmie Jensen ~ Shannon Johnson
Jenna Hansen ~ Justin Jensen ~ Jessica Johnson

Honorary Casketbearers
All her friends & family, Great Grandchildren
Elliott & Emmett Hansen, Avera Oahe Manor Staff
and Residents, Boys from Gorden's Card Parlor, Potter
County Volunteer Fire Departments

Musicial Selections
"In the Garden"
"Hymn Of Promise"

PIANIST
Donna Hanson

Vocalist
Chris Torbert
"How Great Thou Art"

Burial
Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

The family warmly invites you to join them following the funeral service forcoffee, bars, and continued fellowship at the church.