

Shirley E. (Binney) Ruedebusch
July 30, 1929 – April 12, 2002

Shirley E. Ruedebusch, 72, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away from cancer at her home on April 12, 2002.

Shirley was born on July 30, 1929, in New Douglas, Illinois, to John and Pauline (Mohme) Binney. She grew up in South Roxana, Illinois, and graduated from the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville in 1947. The following year, she graduated from Summers Business School in Alton, Illinois. Before her marriage, she worked at Blue Cross of Illinois in Alton.

On August 11, 1951, Shirley married Everett Ruedebusch in Wood River, Illinois. They raised three children, Bob, Patti, and Paula, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2001 with family and friends in Sioux Falls.

Shirley served as a part-time houseparent at the South Dakota School for the Deaf for 14 years. Her commitment to helping others also included volunteering with Meals on Wheels at Maple Creek Apartments.



An active member of Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Shirley maintained strong connections throughout the Deaf community. She belonged to the Sioux Falls Deaf Club, Senior Citizens Deaf Club, South Dakota Association of the Deaf, and the women's Deaf Style Club.

In 1995, Shirley received a liver transplant. Deeply grateful for a second chance at life and especially thankful to her donor's family, she also participated in a local transplant support group.

Shirley treasured being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed crafts, flowers, and visits with family and friends.

She was survived by her husband, Everett; her son, Bob (Paula) Ruedebusch of Rapid City; her daughters, Patti (Steve) Mayer of Sioux Falls and Paula (Bill) Rudolph of Grinnell, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Katie, Megan, and John Ruedebusch, Justin, Eric, and Cole Mayer, and Kaylee and Kirk Rudolph; her brother-in-law, Bob Heim of Decatur, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Doris Heim; and her granddaughter, Cassandra Mayer.

Memorial services were held on April 15, 2002, at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Sioux Falls, with the Rev. Matthew Nix officiating. Lynda Nix served as interpreter, Linda Hanson as organist, and her son, Bob Ruedebusch, as vocalist. A memorial reception was held the previous day at George Boom Funeral Home.