



Shelia R. Richards

March 30, 1942 - October 13, 2017

Shelia was born March 30, 1942 in Canton Illinois to Andrew Shumaker and Etta (Kramer) Shumaker. She passed away on Oct 13, 2017 at the Fillmore County Hospital at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Shelia grew up in Illinois with her mother Etta, and siblings Larry, Kay, and Lewis (Lou) before moving to California as a young girl. She then moved back to Illinois in the late 1950s with her family. In Illinois, on a blind date, Shelia met Gary Richards (who was in the Navy at the time). They were joined in marriage on December 29, 1958. During their marriage Gary and Shelia were blessed with 5 children: Debbie, Steve, Brenda, Jeanette and Kelly and later raised their grandson Jesse.

In 1967, Gary left the Navy. He and Shelia returned to Geneva with their family to pursue farming. While living on their farm in Geneva, Ne, Shelia enjoyed raising her children, tending to her garden, and helping run the farm. After the children had grown, she pursued her love of cooking while working at Geneva High School, Heritage of Geneva, and Hearthstone in York.

Gary and Shelia resided in Geneva until 2009, when they retired to Georgetown, Texas. They enjoyed the MUCH warmer weather and a community they fell in love with. Gary and Shelia made many lasting friendships in a welcoming community that has become their Texas family.

Gary and Shelia enjoyed returning to Geneva often to visit family, friends, and helping with harvest. They were in Geneva when Shelia passed away.

Shelia belonged to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva for many years. During this time, she participated in women's fellowship. After moving to Texas, Shelia remained involved in her faith and attended Hill Country Bible Church in Georgetown. She participated in bible study while attending this church.

Shelia was a very creative woman. When her children were young, she would sew clothing for them. As the children grew so did her passion for creativity. Shelia enjoyed crocheting afghans, ceramics, beading and jewelry making, and many other crafts. Her latest project was crocheting hats for mission work.

Shelia and Gary belonged to the Geneva Community Grange. She was also member of the Rebekah's. Shelia enjoyed square dancing, playing cards and various board games as well as bowling, where she was on a league for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Etta; in-laws Jesse and Kathleen Richards; brother Lou; brother-in-law Robert Richards; son-in-law Dale Rice; twin granddaughters; grandson Jesse Richards; and one great-grandson.

Shelia is survived by husband Gary; children: Debbie (Lonnie) Taylor of Fairmont, Steve (Jackie) Richards of Omaha, Brenda Richards of Lincoln, Jeanette (Scott) Yound of Grand Island, Kelly Hartman of York; Grandchildren: April (Mike) Faubion of Malcolm, Wade Taylor of York, Amy Richards of Chicago, IL, Bryan Richards of Omaha, John Kelch of Lincoln, Dr. Jennifer (Jeff) Yound-Lasker of Commerce City, CO, Nate (Talisha) Yound of Lincoln,

Michael (Amy) Hartman of York, Amber (Byron) Wilson of York, Damien Hartman of York; 13 Great-grandchildren; brother Robert (Georgia) Shumaker of Spokane, Washington; and sister Kay Fiedler of Shakopee, Minnesota.

A Memorial Service for Shelia was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Congregational Church Of Christ in Geneva. Pastors Stuart Davis and Dennis Keller officiated the service. The recorded selections "Amazing Grace," "Go Rest High, On That Mountain," "The Other Side Of The Cross," "Sissy's Song," and "What A Wonderful World" were played during the service.

Honorary Pallbearers for the service included April Faubion, Wade Taylor, Amy Richards, Bryan Richards, John Kelch, Jennifer Yound Lasker, Nate Yound, Michael Hartman, Amber Wilson, and Damien Hartman. A Committal of Ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted services. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Shelia passing away. She was a great person. I met her thru her great daughter Kelly. Later I met Vicki, for she does taxes. So she has 2 wonderful daughters that I know. I'm sure the rest of the family is just as good. Shelia was a very strong willed person, had to get things done. I got to work with her when she was a cook for Fillmore County Head Start, I was there to volunteer with the kids. But a lot of times I would help her in the kitchen as well. She's a great cook. She will be missed but not forgotten by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the families.



Brenda Bonin - October 23, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ 42 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 18, 2017 at 01:09 PM

SJ

“ I have many memories of Shelia; they all revolve around her smiling face. We have lost a wonderful "ray of sunshine". My prayers of with all of you family members.

Love,
Susan Johnson

Susan Johnson - October 17, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelia R. Richards.



October 17, 2017 at 12:23 PM

KF

“ Gary,
Sorry to hear about Sheila. I know she will be missed greatly missed by you and your family. My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.
Kevin Fishburn
Omaha, NE.

Kevin Fishburn - October 17, 2017 at 11:08 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear your Mom passed. I remember her putting up with us all through high School and never giving us a bad time for all the things we did back then.
Mitch Whiteley



Mitch Whiteley - October 17, 2017 at 09:44 AM

EC

“ *Ennis Golf Carts purchased the Peaceful White Lies Basket for the family of Shelia R. Richards.*



Ennis Golf Carts - October 16, 2017 at 03:00 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Chapman lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Cindy Chapman - October 16, 2017 at 10:36 AM

GP

“ *I never knew Shelia, but our son was in their daughters wedding a few years back and I keep up with there family Scott and Jeanette So just a note from our family to yours prayers and sympathy to the whole family. Pete and Gladys Petersen along with Jerry Petersen and Terri Volkmer.*

Gladys Petersen - October 16, 2017 at 10:24 AM

GD

“ *Greater Omaha BBQ Society Board of Directors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shelia R. Richards.*



Greater Omaha BBQ Society Board of Directors - October 15, 2017 at 11:11 PM

AH

“ Kelly and family, Sheila is a wonderful, sweet, kind, helpful, and nicest person I met. I'm gonna miss her but will not forget her! I know that I had to go the store for my dad and she was just getting out of her car and I had my hands full of sack of groceries and she held the door open for me. When she got inside she asked my dad , Leonard why didn't u open the door for your daughter? And he said don't u see I'm cooking your dinner? She then laughed and said ok ty n he laughed and thanked her for helping me.

Annette (Odvody) Hines - October 15, 2017 at 06:53 PM

TW

“ Tammy Ward lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards



Tammy Ward - October 14, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shelia R. Richards.



October 14, 2017 at 02:21 PM

DM

“ *Diane and Marv purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Shelia R. Richards.*



Diane and Marv - October 14, 2017 at 12:54 PM

SS

“ *Steve And Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



steve and barb sadd - October 14, 2017 at 12:39 PM

KM

“ *Keith & Pat Mathiesen lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Keith & Pat Mathiesen - October 14, 2017 at 12:38 PM

DW

“ *Shelia has been a wonderful friend to me in Sun City. Gary and Shelia played cards every Friday with me and Marv. I went to Shelia for advice and friendship. I know she will always be with all of us. God Speed Shelia to the other side. You are already missed.*

Diane Wren - October 14, 2017 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ *Diane Wren lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Diane Wren - October 14, 2017 at 10:50 AM

TG

“ *Tom And Kay Griffith lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Tom and Kay Griffith - October 14, 2017 at 09:16 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Kent & Rose Theobald - October 13, 2017 at 09:29 PM

MR

“ *Mark & Sarah Reinsch lit a candle in memory of Shelia R. Richards*



Mark & Sarah Reinsch - October 13, 2017 at 04:05 PM