



Shirley Ann Brethour

April 26, 1936 - August 21, 2024

Shirley Ann (Lockwood) Brethour, 88 of Torrington, Wyoming passed away on August 21, 2024, surrounded by family. Shirley was born to Raymond and Ethel (Francisco) Lockwood in Kimball, Nebraska on April 26, 1936. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold (Hal) Brethour, her parents, her in-laws Ted and Kate Brethour, and her daughter Sandy Schwartzkopf. Shirley grew up on the family farm with her older brother Jack, just outside of Bushnell and attended school at Kimball, Nebraska where she graduated in 1953. Shirley always had fond memories of the family farm, and her time spent attending Kimball, where she was very active in school events. She was a member of the FFA, Choir and was also a cheerleader. She would recount that she first remembered meeting Hal her freshman year as a cheerleader when Mitchell came to town to play Kimball in basketball, and he was instrumental in handing them the loss. It was in high school as well that Shirley developed a passion for the medical field, working as a nurse's aide at the Kimball Hospital. Upon graduation, Shirley enrolled at the Western Nebraska General Hospital School of Nursing. While there, Hal's sister Ruth, also a nurse, introduced them and thought they would hit it off. She had remembered him as the player from Mitchell that beat them in basketball but went out with him anyway. They began dating and after she graduated as a Registered Nurse, the couple wed on September 2, 1956. They had been married for 63 years at the time of his passing. The next few years were a whirlwind. When they started dating Hal was attending WNCC. The

newlyweds moved to San Jose where Hal continued his education, but after a short time Hal transferred to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where Shirley worked as an RN. Upon earning his degree in 1958, Hal took a job at Trenton, Nebraska and a year later the couple moved to Harrisburg, Nebraska where he taught Industrial Arts and coached. They started a family with the addition of two daughters, Sandy and Susie, moved to Torrington, Wyoming in 1962 where Hal taught Industrial Arts at the High School. A year later, a third daughter Sherry was born. Shirley transitioned from the role of nursing to a stay-at-home mom. With three young daughters, you can imagine how busy she was! She was active as a leader in 4H and was an excellent seamstress. She passed these traits along to her daughters and granddaughters. She kept the girls active in groups such as leading them in Bluebirds and of course church. Shirley was very active in the United Methodist church and her circles, and always instrumental in the prayer chains. With all this, probably her greatest attribute was the role she spent most of her life in. There was not a more quintessential grandmother than Grandma Shirley. She spent 43 years in the role and was always there for her grandchildren. Not a birthday, Easter or Christmas went by that her grandchildren weren't made to feel special. She was a kind and compassionate soul, never having a bad word to say of anyone and gave her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren a very special gift in how to treat others. She will be missed by all of them so deeply. Shirley is survived by her brother Jack (JoAnn) Lockwood of Kimball, NE, daughters Susie (Buck) Klemola and Sherry (Tom) Kelly, and son-in-law Rick Schwartzkopf all of Torrington; grandchildren Joel (Rachel) Schwartzkopf of Seattle, WA, Bethany Schwartzkopf of Torrington, Amy (Mike) Ranalletti of Gering, NE, Tressa (Chad) Wellman of Cheyenne, WY, Corrie (Jack) Leiseth of Saratoga, WY, Erika (Philip) Sully of Gilbert, AZ, Jake Kelly of Cheyenne, WY, Jessie Kelly, Caleb Kelly and Grace Kelly, all of Torrington, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A public viewing will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 2702 Main Street, Torrington, WY on September 3,

2024, followed by a funeral at 10:00 a.m. and then graveside services and interment at Valley View Cemetery. A light lunch will be served at the church following services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sandy Schwartzkopf Scholarship Trust at the University of Wyoming by calling 307.766.6300 or e-mailing abi@uwyo.edu, The United Methodist Church of Torrington, WY or Waggin' Tails Animal Shelter, 436 East 22nd, Torrington, WY 82240.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Torrington United Methodist Church
2702 Main St
Torrington, WY 82240-1928
(307) 532-2977

Funeral Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Carol Riley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Brethour



Carol Riley - October 24, 2024 at 01:29 PM

KE

“ What a joy to have known and shared many memories with Shirley whether on church committees or community gatherings. She was an exceptional kind lady. Our sincere condolences to all family. A beautiful lady. Karin & Howard Eisenhauer



Karin Eisenhauer - September 17, 2024 at 11:39 AM

Gayle Hascall

“ Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Brethour



Gayle Hascall - September 04, 2024 at 04:27 PM

KK

“ We are so blessed to have known Shirley and Hal and girls. Families are forever and we will be together again. God bless you. Neal and Kathryn Kelly

Kathryn Kelly - September 03, 2024 at 02:50 PM

EB

“ I have been gone from Torrington for many years but I always remember her, she was the leader of our prayer group for many years and always enjoyed her smile and happy nature.

Ellen Bishop - September 02, 2024 at 05:47 PM

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“ So sorry. Prayers for you all. Love you.



Cheryl Yeik - August 29, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RA

“ Raphael, Dana, Leelee and Andreea purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Brethour.



Raphael, Dana, Leelee and Andreea - August 28, 2024 at 02:10 PM

Sharon Hackett

“ Sharon Hackett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Brethour



Sharon Hackett - August 28, 2024 at 06:46 AM



“ Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Brethour



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - August 27, 2024 at 11:51 AM