



Shirley Jean Carley

April 21, 1941 - June 16, 2025

Shirley Jean Carley, age 84, passed away peacefully at home on June 16, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was the seventh of thirteen children, born on April 21, 1941, in Wonewoc, WI to Leon & LaVina Jackson. She graduated from DeForest High School in 1959 and married Bernard “Bun” Carley on July 11, 1959 in Reedsburg and moved to Edgerton, WI where she and Bun raised their four children. Shirley took pride in being a stay-at-home mom and raising her children when they were young. She then became a teacher’s aid in the Edgerton School System for many years before retiring along with Bun and moving to Richland Center, where they built a beautiful home on 60 acres of the Carley family farm.

Shirley lived a life worth living and one of the constants in her life was her love of family. Many years were spent with the family, camping, fishing and snowmobiling. She enjoyed traveling the country with Bun while he competed in horseshoe tournaments and became lifelong friends with many people she met at those tournaments. Crafts like knitting & crocheting, ceramics, and card making with her daughters was something Shirley enjoyed.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Leon & LaVina Jackson, her parents-in-law, Harold & Mabel Carley, daughter-in-law, Lisa Carley, and siblings, Doug Jackson, Julia “Sis” Garrity, Edmond “Leroy” Jackson, Gladys “Mickey” Feinburg, LaBerta “Berta” Price, and Marcella “Marcie” Parchem.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 66 years, Bernard "Bun" Carley, four children; Peggy (Tony) Murwin, Tina (Dave) Rappe, Bernard "Bun" Carley Jr, David (Anna) Carley; 8 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, six siblings: Bruce (Annie) Jackson, Bob (Faith) Jackson, Sharon (Ed) Statz, Jim (Rosy) Jackson, Tom (Kathy) Jackson, Danny (Heather) Jackson as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with a visitation from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM with the service at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon. www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Maria, William, Josh, Nic, Antony purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.* ”



Maria, William, Josh, Nic, Antony - June 30, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MR

“ *Mindy and Mark Rappe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.* ”



Mindy and Mark Rappe - June 27, 2025 at 07:19 PM

AW

“ *Anne & John Whitcomb purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.* ”



Anne & John Whitcomb - June 26, 2025 at 03:21 PM

MS

“ *Missy, Ron & Kyle Stone purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.* ”



Missy, Ron & Kyle Stone - June 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM

BF

“ *Bouttavong Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.*



Bouttavong Family - June 24, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *88 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - June 23, 2025 at 02:15 PM

SW

“ To all of Shirley's loved ones!!! I want you to know how much Shirley was loved by all of our Early childhood staff, the children and their families!!! She was always looking for ways to make each day positive for everybody that entered our room. Personally, she always brought me a cup of coffee just about every morning. Shirley was kind, caring and enjoyed sharing all her wonderful baked goods . Not only that, she was so good with the children. Many of our children had needs that required special training and Shirley was not afraid to take on those responsibilities. I could keep going on and on...but I know all of you know how special she was...please know that my heart feels heavy for your loss!!! BUT...I know GOD has a special place for her in heaven!!! Very sincerely, Sharee Witt

Sharee L Witt - June 21, 2025 at 02:15 PM

PE

Thank you Sharee for all those wonderful words. Mom cared about everyone, but the children meant so much to her.

Peggy - June 21, 2025 at 10:54 PM

LJ

“ Everywhere Aunt Shirley went the room lit up and you had to smile. Her infectious laugh and giggle will be missed as well as her love for her family

Linda Jackson - June 20, 2025 at 04:31 PM

LA

“ Linda Jackson, Paul, Angie and Aaron purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.



Linda Jackson, Paul, Angie and Aaron - June 20, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ Judy, Jim, and family. purchased the "Forever In Our Hearts" Memorial Garden Stone – A Lasting Tribute of Love and Remembrance for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.



Judy, Jim, and family. - June 19, 2025 at 10:16 PM

VW

“ My sympathy to Bun and family on the loss of Shirley she always had a smile I grew up with the younger Carley siblings as mom and harold were cousins

Virginia Wiedenfeld - June 19, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.



June 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DB

“ Bun, I am so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. Condolences to you and your family. Doug and Carol Bakkum

douglas bakkum - June 19, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.*



June 18, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ *Tom and I have so many good memories of Shirley! Tom more than me because he's her brother. But I've known her for 57 years. She was just so kind and so loving and so talented and everything she did. Her baking and cooking was exquisite! She was so good at organizing and had the biggest hand in planning 60 family reunions over the years! My very favorite thing she made was her pickled beets! They were just delicious! And she was always so sweet. She always had a potluck around Christmas time for all her brothers and sisters and anybody that wanted to come up at their house. Everybody brought something to pass, but she and her daughters made the majority of the main course and it was delicious and we always had so much fun! And there was never a year until this year that we didn't receive a beautiful handcrafted birthday card and Christmas card! She will be so sorely missed! We love you, Shirley rest in peace, say hi to mom and dad and everyone else!*

Kathy Jackson - June 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Carley.*



June 18, 2025 at 07:53 PM