



Shirley Mae Carr

April 20, 1936 - November 1, 2025

Shirley Mae (Muehlenthaler) Carr of Ankeny passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines at age 89. Services will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at Salem United Church of Christ in Alleman. Visitation will be held from 10:00AM-11:00AM, with funeral services at 11:00AM. Burial will be held later time.

Shirley was born on April 20, 1936, at home in Alleman, Iowa, to John Sr. and Augusta Muehlenthaler. At age four she moved to Ankeny where she resided for the rest of her life. Shirley graduated from Ankeny High School where she was able to compete in the 1953 State Basketball tournament. Upon graduation Shirley worked for the Bell Telephone Company and went on to work at DMACC where she retired in 2001. Shirley was united in Marriage to Francis Carr on May 27, 1956, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alleman. Together they had two sons, Steven Eugene Carr and Gary Lynn Carr.

Shirley enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. She loved traveling and could often be found in a van pulling a camper headed for Tennessee, Colorado, and many other cities and states. In 1990 Shirley and Francis were able to take the trip of a lifetime to Europe where she enjoyed spending time with relatives. She loved wintering in Florida, playing cards with her friends, and shopping with her faithful sidekick, her

daughter-in-law Paula.

Shirley is survived by her beloved husband of 69 years, Francis Carr, a son, Gary (Stephanie), and daughter-in-law, Paula. Four grandchildren; Adam (Jessica) Carr, Jeremy (Amy) Carr, Alex (Erin) Carr and Katlyn (Zach) LeMaster, and nine great grandchildren Ava, Liv, Haydon, Hudson, Briesyn, Kelton, Brecken, Easton, and Westin.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Carr in September 2025, and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Contributions can be directed to Salem United Church of Christ in Alleman, Iowa. For any question please call Dyamond Memorial at 515-964-7543, for on-line condolences or to share a memory or photo go to DyamondMemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
310 NE 141 St Ave

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Alleman, IA 50007

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Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Glenn and Pam Colyer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Mae Carr.



Glenn and Pam Colyer - November 09, 2025 at 08:30 AM

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“ Glenn and Pam Colyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mae Carr.

Glenn and Pam Colyer - November 09, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Carr.



November 08, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ David, Julie, Jace, Tyler and Shelby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Mae Carr.



David, Julie, Jace, Tyler and Shelby - November 07, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“ Greg, Caleb Heinselman and Shawn De Jong purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Shirley Mae Carr.



Greg, Caleb Heinselman and Shawn De Jong - November 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“ Greg, Caleb Heinselman and Shawn De Jong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mae Carr.

Greg, Caleb Heinselman and Shawn De Jong - November 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Carr.



November 04, 2025 at 06:06 PM

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“ SHAFFER AUTOBODY STAFF planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mae Carr.

SHAFFER AUTOBODY STAFF - November 04, 2025 at 06:06 PM