



Shirley Molitor

February 3, 2010

Shirley C. (Eisenschenk) Molitor, age 49 Rockville April 26, 1960 – January 29, 2010 Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rockville, MN for Shirley C. (Eisenschenk) Molitor, age 49, who died Friday as a result of a car accident. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Rockville. Relatives and friends may call after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday morning at the Wenner Funeral Home in RICHMOND. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by a rosary with the Christian Women, Church Choir, Consecration and Rosary Groups. Shirley was born in Richmond, MN to Jerry and Elaine (Kuehnl) Eisenschenk. She married Joseph Molitor on October 6, 1984 in St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring. Shirley lived life fully and was a Christian witness to everyone around her. She was a devoted wife and mother and farmed along side her husband east of Rockville. Shirley fed calves, loved to garden and was a well-known volunteer in the community. She was a counselor at Birthline and helped to start the Annual Rockville Women's Conference. She spread her love for the Blessed Mother by hosting a weekly Friday morning rosary group and making rosaries in schools and all across the state. Shirley was a member of Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Christian Women and Consecration and Rosary Groups. Survivors include her husband and best friend, Joe; daughters, Melaine, Kristin, Leah (Adam) Brix of Farming, Hannah, Maria, Abby, Angela and Maggie; siblings, Carmen (Don) Capelle; Laura (Dave)

Taufen, Brian (Deb) Eisenschenk; mother and father-in-law, Donald and Delores (Schlangen) Molitor; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son, Aaron Joseph.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Molitor

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Joe:

I am so very, very sorry for your loss. Words seem so inadequate at a time like this but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Tom and Connie Schutta

Tom SCHUTTA - February 04, 2010 at 09:28 PM



“ Joe & family: *I have fond memories of Shirley in high school, her smile and friendliness. My thoughts and prayers are with you for your loss.*

Renee Schmitt - February 04, 2010 at 07:32 PM

MJ

“ Dear Joe,
Our deepest sympathy on your untimely loss of Shirley! We understand how deep your friendship and marital love are and will continue to be!
We can readily suppose that she will be helping you with the remainder of your life and continuing to share in it in ways unimaginable but oh so real. Until the supremely joyful day when you enter the life prepared for you, Shirley, and the girls. We have been praying for her, for you and the girls. And we will continue to do so. Bless you all in your natural grieving and in the joy of one beautiful family--in the Heart of our Immaculate Mother.
Mary and Bob Joyce
St. Cloud

Mary and Bob Joyce - February 04, 2010 at 04:38 PM

JS

“ Joe & family we were so sorry to hear of your great lost. May God be near you in your time of sorrow.

John Simon - February 04, 2010 at 08:34 AM

TC

“ Dear Molitor Family, we were extremely saddened to hear about your loss. What an incredible women, with a warm smile and unending love. We hope you find comfort in knowing that Shirley is at peace, a peace in which she knew she would be blessed with.

Tom & Melissa Czeck - February 02, 2010 at 09:44 PM

WQ

“ Joe and Family,
I certainly have enjoyed working with you over the years and I have especially appreciated getting to know Shirley. You have a wonderful family and I know this will be hard, but just know that we are all thinking of you and are celebrating what a great person Shirley was.
Our best always,
Wayne Quinn

Wayne Quinn - February 02, 2010 at 09:06 PM

DS

“ i knew shirley as a wonderful person who was there when you wanted to know, something, she was there that knew the answers.she was one of my close classmates, she will missed by lots of people.i give my condolences to the whole family and her sibblings,close friends,relatives,and everybody that knew her.she was a awesome all the way around, no matter she did.lots of love and prayers to one my classmates,she was very special.I'm very sorry to hear about this tragic accident to her.take care.love always.

Doris Schyma - February 02, 2010 at 08:21 PM

KH

“ Joe & Girls know that your family has been in my prayers since I heard the news on friday. She was truly an amazing person, which you already know. Shirley touche my life like she did for so many others, I will never forget her or all the wisdom she gave me when I needed life advice. Shirley really did raise 8 amazing girls and I am glad that I was able to spend so much time with the Molitor family.
Love you all!

Kathy Hansen - February 02, 2010 at 06:23 PM

JL

“ Leah and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in our prayers and thoughts. May you find comfort and support in God our Father.

Jean and Jerry Lupkes - February 02, 2010 at 04:55 PM

RF

“ Joe and Family--We are filled with tremendous sadness about Shirley's tragic death. Shirley touched so many lives as she did ours. She truly walked this earth in the image and likeness of God. We were so privileged and grateful to be in Shirley's midst with the communion of saints during daily Mass at St. Boniface, receiving Jesus together in the Eucharist. It was also Shirley's aspiration to someday have perpetual adoration at Mary Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville, and thus we got to know each other, as we belonged to a diocesan committee in St. Cloud. Her greeting always started with a wonderful, contagious smile and warm hello, and she will be missed at these meetings! She was such a beautiful person inside and out, a joy to know and a shining example of Christ's love. She taught her community by her example and values, and we personally will be forever grateful for her Christian examples. May the memories of Shirley ... of happy times, family times, and prayerful times help you through this sorrowful time. It was such a gift to know Shirley. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of Shirley. May Christ's love comfort you and bring you peace. With deep sympathy, Rich, Sheila Pulju and family

Rich, Sheila Pulju and family - February 02, 2010 at 02:01 PM

MM

“ Leah and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in our prayers and thoughts now and in the future.
MaryElin Macht, Lakeland Broadcasting

MaryElin Macht - February 02, 2010 at 12:19 AM

TF

“ Dearest friend, Joe, and family...we have thought of you a hundred times today since hearing the news of your beloved Shirley's passing. The tears keep coming, knowing the deep love and commitment of your marriage and family. We are so sorry.

Tom and Ann Fernholz
Madison, MN

Tom and Ann Fernholz - February 01, 2010 at 11:33 PM

TF

“ Melaine and Family-
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. May you know that our thoughts are prayers are with you all at this time. We had the pleasure of meeting your mom this past fall at the St. Als Kindergarten Feast. It was very evident at that time her dedication to you as well as all the children. It is also very clear now, where your amazing patience, love and kindness for children comes from. My your mothers beautiful spririt live in all of you.

With sincere sympathy,
The Nelson Family
Scott, Staci, Andrea and Ryan

The Nelson Family - February 01, 2010 at 09:37 PM

JL

“ Joe and Family, We cannot fathom the suffering you must be facing at this sudden loss of such a dear person. From this distance in New Hampshire, we share in your sorrow and offer our sincerest sympathy and promise of our prayers for Shirley and your family, who always welcomed us to your farm on our visits to Minnesota. May God grant you the grace to endure, and may Shirley's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Joanne, Tom, and family

Joanne & Tom Langlais - February 01, 2010 at 09:15 PM

DK

“ Shirley's death touches and saddens thousands of hearts, as it did ours. It seemed the world came to a halt for a moment as the angels ushered her into the presence of the Lord. A moment also to think of the brevity of our own lives. So over-flowing with God's love and what a witness of a life lived with humility, patience, generosity, integrity and kindness. This was Shirley and she accomplished all that was required of her in those short 49 years. What a beautiful testimony as her witness pointed us to Jesus. All Glory to God seemed to be her lifes motto!!! Thank you Shirley for your example. May God's richest blessing be poured out upon you, Joe, Melaine, Kristin, Leah, Hannah, Maria, Abby, Angela, Maggie, Carmen, Laurie and Brian. We Love You! Dave and Kathy Kremers

Dave & Kathy Kremers - February 01, 2010 at 08:06 PM

MH

“ Joe and Family,
My deepest, deepest sympathy to you on your great loss. Shirley was one of the nicest people I have ever known. I will be praying for you all. Mary (Minnerath) Hastings

Mary Hastings - February 01, 2010 at 05:56 PM

N2

“ *Hannah and family,
Our condolences to you and your wonderful family - your mom was an inspiration to many and will be missed very much. The Broken Chain - We little knew that morning, that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. We LOVE you Hannah - NDC 2008*

NDC group of 2008 - February 01, 2010 at 02:47 PM

BD

“ *Leah & family*

So sorry to hear of the untimely passing of your mother. I'm sure you are familiar with the old saying that only the good die young, sure sounds like that has never been more true. I know this must be very difficult for everyone but we have to keep the faith that God always has a plan we just can't understand it sometimes. Again, my deepest sympathy to everyone.

Bill Dean

Bill Dean - February 01, 2010 at 02:11 PM

KK

“ *My deepest sympathies to Shirley's family! We were good friends throughout school, and I have such good memories the times we spent together. She was a such wonderful person. I am so sorry for your loss! My prayers are with you.*

Kathy Kiess - February 01, 2010 at 01:55 PM

DR

“ I have fond memories of Shirley during our high school years. My thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley's family. May all the special memories of Shirley comfort all.

Deb (Fischbach) Ritten - February 01, 2010 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ Dear Molitor Family, Our hearts and many prayers are with you and your family during this tough time. Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are for your family. We did not know Shirley but know many people who did and they have all said what a wonderful person she was.

Don and Jami Lahr and family

Jami Lahr - February 01, 2010 at 10:35 AM

DT

“ Joe & family,
Our hearts go out to you and your family. Even though we did not know Shirley, we know that she must have been a wonderful wife and mom because of the family she was a part of. To make any sense of this, we have to believe that God needed another Angel. Shirley is rejoicing in the new life promised to us all. Please know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Your old neighbors, the Bohrer Family.

Denice (Bohrer) Tracy

Denice Tracy - February 01, 2010 at 09:32 AM

SC

“ Dear Mr Molitor,
We are deeply saddened by the news of your wife's death. Be assured of our prayers for her, that she may enter into the joy and peace of His loving presence. We also pray for you and your girls. May He console you with the thought that this life is a short pilgrimage... heaven is where, God willing, we will all be reunited never to be parted, forever in His love. God bless you!
Sisters of the Holy Cross in Opus Angelorum.
Sr M Pacis, Sr M Basilea, Sr M Gemma, Sr M Helena, Sr M Epiphania, Diana & Miki.

Sisters of the Holy Cross - February 01, 2010 at 09:18 AM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I work with Carmen's husband, Don, at Custom Alarm in Rochester. Although I did not know Shirley, I do know that if she was anything like Carmen, she was a wonderful gal. Please know that Don & Carmen's Custom Alarm family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Dawn Rainey - February 01, 2010 at 09:16 AM

DC

“ Joe and Girls;
We couldn't possibly know the right words to say to you, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I feel so honored to have been graced w/such a wonderful cousin, and blessed to have known her. She always brought smiles and such joy to our home. She had a gift that could not be duplicated and I thank our Heavenly Father for having shared her w/us.
With Love, Dan and Kelly Clement

Dan and Kelly Clement - February 01, 2010 at 08:05 AM

DS

“ Joe and Family

The Schorn Family offers you our condolences and support during this most difficult time. Shirley was a wonderful person who spread her personality and values onto her daughters. Her life will live on Joe with your children and everyone she has touched in this area. May support from your loved ones be with you today and for the rest of your life.

David, Tina, Terry, Mary Beth, Mary Ann, Chris, Les, Mark, Peggy Schorn

David Schorn - January 31, 2010 at 10:20 PM

DE

“ *It is still hard to believe that Shirley is no longer with us. She was a great friend and classmate. She always had a smile on her face. My condolences go to her whole family-husband, children, sisters and brother. With deepest sympathy.*

Doris Eisenschenk - January 31, 2010 at 09:28 PM

RE

“ *Our sincere condolences go out to your family in the loss of your wife and mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time, may you find comfort in knowing that Shirley is in a better place. May God Bless and comfort you in the days to follow.*

Randy, Kim & Kaden Eisenschenk

Randy Eisenschenk - January 31, 2010 at 08:05 PM

ND

“ Joe and girls, Carmen, Laurie and Brian: We are all searching for reasons why...Shirley was involved in so many things...balancing...God first, Family, friends and work. She inspired so many people on her energy to accomplish so much. I first met her through my dear friend Carmen. Shirley always made us laugh...and she was always there...for anything...she truly knew the meaning of life and how to live it! We are all very saddened by this tragedy and know that she is celebrating with our Lord and Savior. I pray that you all have strength to get through the next several days, months and years to come.

Nancy Dahlen - January 31, 2010 at 08:28 AM

TM

“ It is still hard for us to believe Shirley is gone. Your family has touched so many lives over the years in many different ways, including my own. Shirley was a great friend to my mother, and I (Melissa) got to know all your beautiful girls in turn. She introduced us to Melaleuca which has given my family a healthy home and body we'd never have otherwise. I can never forget her unending kindness, delightful conversations, and her wonderful example to many mothers. We are comforted in the thought that her devotion to Mary should find her being escorted to the gates of Heaven by Our Lady. While contemplating the why's, my first thought was maybe God is recruiting prayer warriors in Heaven! Our prayers are overflowing for you Joe and family in your time of sorrow. May Our Lady give you peace and consolation soon.

Tom, Melissa (Maltzen), Mikayla, Stanley, Sabrina and Jonathan Michalek -
January 30, 2010 at 11:48 PM

SM

“ We are both saddened to hear of Shirley's untimely death. She was truly a wonderful person to know and she made the years spent with her in 4H activities much more meaningful and fun than they would have been without her. It is so difficult to fully understand a loss such as this which can only make sense when seen as a joining in the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May He give Shirley's family the strength they need at this trying time. She will remain in our prayers.

Stark and Marlene Maynard - January 30, 2010 at 09:22 PM

KO

“ Joe & Family- So sorry to hear about the accident. The 4-H world is sadden to hear about your loss. God gained a great treasure in heaven that day.
Lee, Gerrie, Blake & Mickey

Komis - January 30, 2010 at 09:19 PM

KR

“ Joe, Words can not express our sadness. Shirley was a wonderful person and gave of herself. I remember her from high school and she hasn't changed. I know no words can make things better but know that God is watching over you and your children. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We will not be able to attend the funeral but know that we are thinking of you. Kevin & Ruth
Rothstein(Petermeir)Class of 1978

Kevin & Ruth (Petermeier) Rothstein - January 30, 2010 at 09:18 PM

FB

“ Dear Joe and Children, Our hearts have been heavy since hearing of Shirley's death. We immediately began praying Divine Mercy Chaplets all day Friday and now today offering our Mass and rosaries for you. To lose such a beautiful, saintly, devoted, mother and wife so suddenly is an extremely heavy cross. How God must love you deeply to allow you to share His cross. We continue to pray for strength, peace and courage for you. May her soul rest in peace. Fred and Julie

Fred and Julie Blonigen - January 30, 2010 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ Joe and Girls,
We have never met Shirley and your family but the news is striking and very saddening to us. Sometimes God works in mysterious ways but there is a reason for everything he does; He needed Shirley in Heaven for something and you all have to believe that you will see her again one day. Until then, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

John and Jill Huling - January 30, 2010 at 07:30 PM

DB

“ Joe and girls, we are so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a very special friend and a truly wonderful and loving person. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. God bless you! Love Randy, Denise, Kaela, Gabby, Nate and Emily Budde

Denise & Randy Budde - January 30, 2010 at 06:47 PM

BR

“ Our deepest sympathies to Joe, all the girls and family. Shirley was one of the greatest women we knew. She was always so happy and willing to help anyone that needed her. She was an amazing mother and wife. She was also a great confidant and friend. I remember seeing the love in Joe and Shirley's eyes as they danced together at their 25th wedding anniversary celebration just last year. God has chosen her, his reasons being his own. Joe, girls, and family may you be blessed and know that you are loved and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. In God's grace may you have the strength you need.

Brad & Melissa Rieland - January 30, 2010 at 05:58 PM

HO

“ Joe and Girls,
We are sorry to hear about the great loss of Shirley. Joe you truly were her best friend and she had great love and respect for you. Girls, you were the light of her life, everytime she spoke of you she had a large smile on her face. I can honestly say that I never heard her say a bad word about anyone or anything. She was a loving and optimistic woman who was an inspiration to all who knew her. Surely she is now an angel who is singing beautifully with the Communion of Saints. It is a great gift to have known her, and we hope we will continue to learn from her wealth of compassion she showed each of us in the past. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Greg, Bonnie, Grant and Lauren Hopke

Hopke - January 30, 2010 at 05:02 PM

BH

“ We knew Shirley through our dear friend and her sister Carmen. Our hearts are heavy with sadness over the news of her death. We pray for your family and that you may find comfort in the Lord Jesus Christ at this time. She was a ray of sunshine, giving of others, and a true Christian. God Bless-With deepest sympathy.

Bradley and Sharon Howe - January 30, 2010 at 04:26 PM

GK

“ After my brother died in his sleep three weeks shy of retirement after 45 plus years at the Granite Company, I came to believe that God has a certain time for us to go whether we understand why or not. Shirley's death jolts all of us into remembering how precious life is and to live it to it's fullest every day. I didn't know Shirley well but knew she was fun to be with, interesting, kind and a devoted wife and mother. When my brother's wife died at age 44 a friend who was widowed told him, "You may not believe me but the sun will shine again." It took a while but the sun did shine for him again. May the sun shine on you Joe and on your family along with God's love and care. Gladys Kustritz

Gladys Bauer Kustritz - January 30, 2010 at 03:47 PM

FW

“ I share with you sincere sadness and shock at hearing of Shirley's accident and death. It simply doesn't seem possible. Be assured of my prayers for Shirley -- that she now share in the life that Jesus has prepared for her; and for her family, Joe and the girls -- that they would be given strength and consolation in this most difficult time. Blessings, Fr Rich

Fr Rich Walz - January 30, 2010 at 03:36 PM

TE

“ *My condolences to the whole family, Shirley was one of a kind. An awesome mother and wife, we could all learn plenty from her! I'm sorry.*

Tim Eisenschenk - January 30, 2010 at 03:30 PM