



## Mrs. Shirley A. Zalewski

May 5, 1934 - August 3, 2021

Shirley A. Zalewski, 87, Green Bay, formerly of Antigo passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital. Shirley was born on May 5, 1934 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, the daughter of the now late Elmer and Althea (Steinbicer) Heckert. On November 8, 1952 she married Stanley Zalewski at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, Antigo and the couple enjoyed over 55 years together. Stanley preceded her in death on November 23, 2007. Shirley was a potato farmer's wife. She loved her husband, her kids and all her grandkids unconditionally. She enjoyed sports especially the Packers and the Badgers and shared that passion with her brother, Kenny. She was competitive, especially when playing euchre, gin and riot. She loved bowling and was a "happy hacker" golfer. She and papa floated on the dance floor to their favorite, Nat King Cole. She had the gift of hospitality and made you feel like family as soon as she met you. Her specialty was sauerkraut and potato dumplings, chocolate chip cookies and spicy pretzels. Shirley accepted Christ as her personal Savior at age 12 and was baptized with her brother Kenny at a small revival in Antigo. As she grew older, her love for the Lord deepened and He was her source of comfort and strength and now the Lord has brought her home.

Shirley is survived by her children: Debbie (Rick) Schuette, Green Bay; Daniel Zalewski, Antigo; Laurie (Kirt) Schmidt, Oshkosh; David Zalewski, Antigo; Patrick (Jeanne) Zalewski, Antigo; Melanie (Steve) Wanner, Wausau; a special daughter-in-law: Joyce Brown, Mequon; 14 14 grandchildren, 21

great-grandchildren, one sister: Laura Flemming, one brother-in-law and four sisters-in-law: Ronald (Sue) Zalewski, Carol Heckert, Janet Heckert and Jackie (Rick) Kjome. She is further survived by nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild: Jonathon Zalewski, two brothers: Russell Heckert and Kenneth Heckert, three brothers-in-law: Marvin (Jeanne) Zalewski, Jim Zalewski and Gerhardt Flemming, one nephew: Stevie Zalewski, Michael Flemming and Jeff Heckert.

Gathering of family and friends will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Monday, August 9, 2021 at Bethel Baptist Church, 1601 Libal Street. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Rev. Kirk Leach officiating and her son-in-law Kirt Schmidt co-celebrating. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery, Antigo. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy a Memorial Fund has been established in her name. The family would like to offer a warm note of appreciation to her caregiver (who turned out to be a friend as well) Nancy Kustka ~ your kindness will never be forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Antigo, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Bethel Baptist Church  
1601 Libal Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301

## Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I am so thankful that the words to this beautiful song ring true! "In Christ, there are no goodbyes... And in Christ, there is no end ...So we'll hold onto Jesus with all that we have... until we see you again". I have so many beautiful memories of our Mothers together, going through very hard times and many happy times. I am very grateful that your family was such a intricate part of our lives for so many years...I will always remember how your Mother's smile lit up the darkest of rooms and the love she freely gave warmed our hearts, regardless of the situation. Big Hug from our Family to yours...  
Diane Kondrath and Family

Diane Kondrath - August 11, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JO

“ So sorry to the family for your loss. May you Rest In Peace you fine lady. I think of your delicious chicken dinner and giggles in Arizona. It was a pleasure knowing you and may god bless. Love Josie and Glenn

josie - August 08, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley A. Zalewski.



August 08, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley A. Zalewski.*



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley A. Zalewski.*



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