



Shirley Mae Remillard

January 9, 1934 - December 6, 2021

Shirley Mae Remillard, of Weslaco, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2021. She was 87. She was born Jan. 9, 1934, in Bird Island, Minn., to Merle James and Luella Alberta Johanna (née Schroeder) Brooks. Shirley attended grade school in Lake Lillian, Willmar and Spicer, Minn. She graduated from New London High School, New London, Minn., in 1951. She married Donald Edwin “Ed” Houchin Nov. 8, 1952, in Rapid City, S.D.

Ed served for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and the couple moved to multiple states and countries. They settled in Minnesota in 1971 with their family. They divorced in 1975. Shirley lived in Bird Island from 1971-1980. She worked as secretary/bookkeeper for many years at Oak Grove Ice Cream in Bird Island. She moved to the Twin Cities in 1980 and worked for International Multifoods Restaurant Division as office assistant and assistant manager until 1983. She moved to Olivia, Minn., and worked at Sheep Shedde restaurant. In 1987, she moved to Spicer and worked at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, Minn. She retired in 1994.

Shirley married Darold Wayne “Rem” Remillard June 18, 1994, in Spicer. They became winter Texans in 2003, sharing their time between Spicer and Leisure World in Weslaco. After his death in 2008, she became a year-round Weslaco resident. She loved gardening, crossword puzzles, cards, games, puzzling, quilting, reading and word games on her tablet. She was an avid Bridge player. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margie M. Smith; first husband, Donald Houchin; second husband, Darold Remillard; stepson,

Mike Remillard; and great-grandsons, Gavin Scharmer and Bennett Scharmer. She is survived by her close friend, D.C. Freemyer of Weslaco, Texas, and Fairfax, Mo.; her children, Janet (Mark) McDougall of Springfield, Mo., Barry (Nancy) Houchin of Glencoe, Minn., Julie (Tom) Springer of Woodbury, Minn., Lu Jean (Bruce) Drew of Sayner, Wis., and Joni (George) Hemmesch of Richmond, Minn.; stepchildren, Faith Remillard and Bruce Remillard; grandchildren, Nathan (Melinda) Bell, Joseph (Karla) Bell, Kara (Nate) Scharmer, Anna (Ryan) Harper, Eric (Renee) Springer, Joseph Springer, Christopher (Emily) Springer, Anthony (Michelle) Drew, Josh (Jaime Glader) Hemmesch, and Cait (Bart) Weekes; great-grandchildren, Jael Bell, Boaz Bell, Madison (Josh) Isbell, Braydon (Caitlin) Bell, Morgan Bell, Ryan Bell, Theodore Springer, Tiberius Springer, Kenzie Weekes, Jaxen Weekes, and Pyper Weekes; her nieces, Lynn Lord of Chanhassen, Minn., and LuAnne (Tom) Wright of Glencoe; and many other family and friends. A Memorial Gathering for family and friends is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at River of Life Church in Cold Spring, Minn. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at River of Life Church in Cold Spring, Minn.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, Julie. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but we will see them again someday. Stay strong.
Teri and Steve

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