



Shirley Mae Hoerter

March 22, 1936 - February 17, 2026

Waunakee - Shirley Mae Hoerter, age 89, of Waunakee passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at UW Hospital in Madison.

She was born on March 22, 1936 and was the daughter of Otto and Marion (Mattoon) Hoerter. She graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1954. Before retiring, she worked several different jobs in Sales as a switch board operator in her early years, and did some small modeling jobs. Shirley always had her dog companions over the years, and currently her loved rescue dog, Lucky, was her whole world. She enjoyed playing bingo, solitaire, word search puzzles, reading books and most of all, walking numerous times each day with Lucky.

She is survived by her sister Patricia Thelen and her best furry friend, Lucky.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a brother-in-law Donald Thelen, and her nephew Michael.

As per Shirley's wishes, no formal services will be held and a private burial will take place at a later date at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield, WI.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Shirley Mae Hoerter please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 West Capitol Drive
Brookfield, WI 53005

Tribute Wall

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“ I deliver mail to Shirley's apartment building. She would occasionally give me a candy bar or other snack. I would frequently see her taking her rescue dog Lucky, for a walk (several times a day no matter what the weather). We would always chat at her mailbox or when I would see her on the sidewalk with Lucky. He would always drag her along with his leash whenever he saw me. She told me he almost pulled her down once, when he saw a squirrel. I said "oh he likes chasing squirrels?". She told me "no he's terrified of them!" Shirley you are missed.

Jeff - March 16 at 10:02 PM

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“ Cindy Mosiman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Hoerter



Cindy Mosiman - March 03 at 04:25 PM

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The Waunakee Senior Center knew Shirley for many years. The staff will miss seeing her walking her beloved dog each morning when we arrived at the Senior Center and at the end of the day when we left work.

Lucky was very lucky to have had Shirley!

Cindy Mosiman - March 03 at 04:28 PM

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“ Shirley was my neighbor and I always looked forward to seeing her walk her beloved dog Lucky and saying hi, sharing the news of the day, and enjoying time chatting. The neighborhood won't be the same without her. Rest in peace Shirley, and may your memory be eternal.

John Zimm - February 21 at 06:52 PM