



Shirley J. Wallace

November 3, 1938 - February 1, 2025

Mineral Point - Shirley Jean Wallace, 86, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 1, 2025, with her loving family by her side.

Born November 3, 1938, to Mildred and Earl Holm, Shirley lived her joyful young life in Madison, Wisconsin with her parents, aunts, uncle and friends nearby. Shirley attended Madison West High School where she met the love of her life, Ronald (“Ron”) Wallace. Shirley and Ron were married on July 20, 1957. Together, Shirley and Ron had three boys. From their frequent trips to Rhinelander (eventually buying a cabin on Hodag lake), spending time at the farm, and working at their family businesses, they created many lasting memories and traditions as a family. As the mom of three boys and wife to Ron for sixty-eight years, Shirley put up with plenty of mischief. This led to many gray hairs. Yet, she truly cherished every moment. Her quick wit, boundless patience, and endless love shaped her family in ways they will always hold dear.

Shirley was generous, loyal, and kind. She was also strong willed and spirited with a wonderful sense of humor. Shirley was an avid Badger fan and looked forward to watching their games. She was a dedicated member of her church where she found great joy in her faith and community. Shirley especially loved spending time with her grandkids, great grandkids, and granddogs, and they felt the same. They will miss their annual birthday calls, complete with her signature off-key but love-filled singing, a tradition that never failed to make them smile.

Shirley had an enormous heart and an entrepreneurial spirit. These qualities made her an inspiring mentor and steadfast presence in the life of many “kids” that worked for them at their various businesses in the Mineral Point area. Shirley and Ron began their A&W business in Mineral Point in 1967 and they then purchased a second A&W in New Glarus in 1972. They also bought and ran the Redwood Restaurant starting in 1982 and added the Motel in 1983. Shirley’s lasting impact can be felt in the community even today.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband, Ron. Her three children, Mark (Tina) Wallace,

Ken (Geraldyn) Wallace and Larry (Laurie dec.) Wallace, ten grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Shirley's passing is gravely felt by her entire family and countless others who loved her deeply. The family greatly appreciates your support during this difficult time.

Friends and family are invited to attend a visitation and service to honor Shirley. These services will be held at HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 555 Commerce Street, Mineral Point, WI 53565. The visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with a service immediately to follow.

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
555 Commerce St
Mineral Point, WI 53565-1067
(608) 987-3500

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
555 Commerce Street
Mineral Point, WI

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley J. Wallace.

February 05, 2025 at 08:12 AM

CD

“ Cary & Debbie Dudczak purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Shirley J. Wallace.



Cary & Debbie Dudczak - February 04, 2025 at 05:01 PM

CC

“ Ron, Mark, Ken and Larry, I have many fond memories of my days at the A&W and Redwood with Shirley and all of you! That was the beginning of my working career and Shirley taught us to work hard and have fun while we do it and we sure did have a lot of fun! Shirley was an amazing mentor and person and I will always think fondly of her and my time with the Wallace family! You are all in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Connie Hartung Cottrill

Connie Hartung Cottrill - February 04, 2025 at 12:50 PM

AD

“ Alliant Energy Safety Dept purchased the Simply Elegant Spat *hiphyllum* for the family of Shirley J. Wallace.



Alliant Energy Safety Dept - February 04, 2025 at 10:35 AM

AD

“ Alliant Energy Safety Dept planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Wallace.

Alliant Energy Safety Dept - February 04, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JF

“ Jeff & Kelly Bontekoe & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley J. Wallace.



Jeff & Kelly Bontekoe & Family - February 03, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JF

“ Jeff & Kelly Bontekoe & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley J. Wallace.

Jeff & Kelly Bontekoe & Family - February 03, 2025 at 04:59 PM

GW

“ To the Wallace family. So sorry to hear about Shirley and please accept our deepest condolences. We will be forever grateful that we could stay at your cabin for so many years. Greg & Kathy Westby and Family.

Greg and Kathy Westby - February 03, 2025 at 04:19 PM

RM

“ Sympathy to Shirley's family in your loss, my husband and I enjoyed many good meals at the A & W and Redwood. Both great assets to our community due to Ron and Shirley's commitment. Rosalie R. May

Rosalie R. May - February 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

GW

“ Gary, Debbie, Andy & Katie Westby purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley J. Wallace.



Gary, Debbie, Andy & Katie Westby - February 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ Many great memories of Shirley and Ron years ago at the Redwood. Was always nice to visit with them. Prayers for Shirley and all your family.



Jon n Elaine Pepper - February 03, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Wallace.*



February 03, 2025 at 07:35 AM