



Shirley Boser

September 21, 1941 - January 19, 2026

Shirley Boser, 84 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Monday, January 19, 2026 at her home. Caring for Shirley and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Pierz, MN.

Shirley Ann Leona Boser was born on September 21, 1941, in Richardson Township, Morrison County, Minnesota, to the late Reinhard and Angeline (Yorek) Meyer. Shirley grew up in a small house in the woods with no electricity or indoor running water along with the occasional face-to-face bear encounter, which made for stories she loved to tell and a life that shaped her resilience and grit. She attended a one-room country schoolhouse and later graduated from Onamia High School with the Class of 1959. On May 3, 1960, Shirley was united in marriage to Leonard Boser at Holy Family Catholic Church in Bulldog Lake, Minnesota. Shirley completed a nurse's aide assistant course and worked in various locations throughout her life, including Onamia, St. Paul, Brainerd, and the Pierz area. She was also a devoted homemaker, living and working on the farm while raising their five children. She loved country life, the simplicity of it and the everyday beauty that surrounded her. Summers often found Shirley mowing the lawn several times a week, planting flowers, and tending to massive gardens. In more recent years, she found joy simply sitting outside with her cats and dogs. She enjoyed traveling to post office conventions with Leonard and later with her daughter Natalie, visiting destinations throughout the United States as well as

Italy and Ireland. While in Ireland, Shirley was selected to go on stage during a competition to play the tambourine, earning a crowd-voted win as the best performer. Shirley also enjoyed casino trips, winery excursions, and tagging along on rides to pick up tractor parts. She participated in multiple 5K races and proudly won in her age division. Her hobbies included puzzles, knitting, sewing, bird watching, reading Danielle Steel novels, collecting figurines, fishing at the lake, and baking, especially her famous rhubarb pie, rhubarb-strawberry jam, and peach dessert. Above all, Shirley was known as the best listener, a source of wise advice, and a tireless worker with a loving and caring heart. She was resilient, persistent, courageous, and undaunted even as disease took hold. She continued to enjoy life in every way she could, even when she could no longer speak and required extra care.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Gregory (Gwen) Boser of Avon, Minnesota; Jeffery (Carolyn) Boser of Pierz, Minnesota, Patrick Boser of Albert Lea, Minnesota, Douglas Boser of St. Cloud, Minnesota; and her daughter, Natalie (Nathan) Berg of Brainerd, Minnesota; 13 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren with one on the way; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Reinhard and Angeline Meyer; her husband, Leonard Boser; brother, Bernard Meyer; infant sister, Catherine Meyer; nephew, Corey Meyer; niece, Lisa Bonsall; and great-grandsons, Waylon Ratke and Logan Onken.

A private cemetery burial will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to shirley's family.* ”



Donna Aase - February 02 at 06:39 PM

RB

“ *Robertand Vonna Boser lit a candle in memory of Shirley Boser* ”



robertand vonna boser - January 29 at 07:38 PM

DO

“ *Jeff.....condolences on the passing of your mother.* ”

Douglas - January 27 at 10:07 PM



“ *My sympathy and prayers go out Shirley's family.* ”



Connie Banach - January 27 at 09:02 AM

NA

“ Natalie lit a candle in memory of Shirley Boser



natalie - January 26 at 06:14 PM

NA

“ 44 files added to the tribute wall



natalie - January 26 at 06:06 PM

NG

Wonderful memories. Sympathy to all her family

Natalie Gritzmacher - January 26 at 08:44 PM

LW

Natalie, Thank you so much for posting these photos that of Shirley; they are a beautiful glimpse of the life she lived! She certainly had a full life, and I loved hearing about her adventures in her yearly Christmas letter. My mom and dad (Pat and Russ Eldred) always said that Leonard and Shirley had such a nice place, and they always enjoyed stopping by to visit. I remember my mom talking about how Leonard and Shirley were hard workers and how beautiful Shirley's flowers were. Our sympathies to the family. Jim and Lori Wagner, Saint Cloud

Lori and Jim Wagner - January 27 at 02:24 PM

NA

Thank you for the lovely words ❤️

natalie - January 27 at 10:37 PM

BB

Memories and our love to the family from Bob. & Vonna.

Bob & Vonna Boser - January 29 at 07:22 PM

LL

I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing I have fond memories Of visiting your mother at Christmas time in her log home. We would sit in her bedroom and visit and the wood stove in the kitchen would keep the areas warm.

Sometimes Shirley and her parents would drive to Pierz to go shopping .Many times they would stop for lunch. In summer she and I would sit outside on a blanket and visit

I was in your Parents wedding. .What a wonderful celebration, dancing, good music and delicious home cooked meals

So very happy she was able to travel with you and enjoy the time with you.

She remains in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Duschner (Munsinger)

llmunsinger@yahoo.com - January 31 at 05:25 PM