



Shirley Maxwell

October 9, 1930 - April 16, 2026

Shirley Maxwell, 95 of Bellevue, formerly of Kearney passed away Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Richmond Terrace, Bellevue, NE. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Friday, April 24 at O'Brien, Straatmann, Redinger Funeral Chapel in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Shirley Anne Dunbar was born October 9, 1930 to Glenn and Myrtle (Teeter) Dunbar in Washington, IA. She attended Walnut grade school and graduated from Richland High School in 1948 and Iowa State College for two years. She worked at First National Bank in Washington for two years as a bookkeeper and teller.

On May 18, 1952 she married Paul Maxwell at her parents' farm home in Washington County, IA.

In 1959 they moved to Nevada IA and then to Alma NE in 1964. In 1965 they moved to Kearney. In 2017 Shirley and Paul moved to Kinship Pointe Northridge in Kearney before moving to Richmond Terrace in Bellevue NE in December of 2021.

She was employed as a teacher aide for 10 years with Kearney Public Schools. Later she worked as a financial counselor with First Federal Lincoln for 15 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of the First United Methodist

Church, United Methodist Women, PEO Chapter EG, and the Flutter Wheels Square Dance Club.

Survivors include three children, son Michael and wife Julie of Spring Hill TN, daughter Paula Knoepfel and husband Ron of Papillion NE, and daughter Sharon Urquhart and husband Mike of Des Moines IA. Grandchildren are Kara (Joe) Taylor, Lindy Maxwell, Lori (Eric) Field, Kevin (Tammy) Knoepfel, Collin (Cheyenne) Urquhart and Connor (Sydney) Urquhart. Great grandchildren are Jayden and Kylie Taylor; Emma (Evan Johnson), Amelia and Elaina Field; and Kyler, Max and Ava Knoepfel.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years Paul, her parents, three sisters Ruthmary Fuhr, Kay Weidner and Jessie Lambert and one brother Glenn Dunbar.

Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Kearney or Hillcrest Hospice of Bellevue NE. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Maxwell



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - April 27 at 06:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Maxwell.



April 22 at 04:25 PM



“ Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Maxwell.



April 21 at 12:09 PM



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

April 21 at 12:09 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shirley Maxwell.*



April 21 at 10:47 AM



“ *Dear Family,*

Lee and I are saddened to learn of Shirley's passing. We had the pleasure of living across the street from Shirley and Paul for over 28 years. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors. We missed them greatly when they moved.

Adam, Chris and Corbin remember Shirley and Paul with great fondness.

*Sincerely,
Lee and Kelly Rader*

Kelly Rader - April 21 at 10:39 AM



“ *Paula: I remember Shirley's smile at the bank window. She made square dances such fun! She never missed a beat, and was a good club leader. I later enjoyed hearing about her retirement activities, from you at your bank window. My sympathy to you and your family.*



Kathy Campbell RN - April 20 at 04:01 AM

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“ I wish to express my sympathy for the passing of your beloved mother, Shirley. I've no doubt that your father, Paul came for her and took her home. It was my utmost honor to oversee and participate in her care. You have been very devoted children. She will be missed. Sincerely, Annie Dyer

Diane C Dyer - April 19 at 08:21 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. Praying the memories of Grandma Shirley bring you smiles and comfort. I remember the first time I had dinner at the Maxwell house and there was cheese on top of the mashed potatoes—brilliant! I questioned why mashed taters weren't always served this way. I remember her clipping coupons and bringing us along so we could all get the maximum allowable boxes of Tic Tacs. And, of course, the baby shower she hosted when Lori was pregnant with Emma. What wonderful memories!

Kate Naber-Bombeck - April 18 at 11:37 PM