



## Shirley Almer

May 13, 1936 - December 21, 2008

Shirley Mae Almer was born on May 13, 1936 to John and Hilja (Karhoja) Barden in New York Mills, MN. She passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2008, at the age of 72, in Brainerd. Shirley was united in marriage with Jack Almer. He passed away on June 30, 1990. They owned and operated the Wadena Lanes and Jack's House in Brainerd. She enjoyed bowling, dancing, gardening, and especially enjoyed spending time with her family. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; her parents, John and Hilja; brothers, Herbert, Thomas, Richard, and Ludvig Barden; and sisters, Hazel Mellin, Mildred Jones, Erma Brasil, Ruth Bardin, and Alice Kampsula. She is survived by sons, Jeffrey (Becci) Almer of Burnsville, Patrick Almer, and Michael Almer, both of Perham; daughters, Victoria (Pete) Hammes of Oakdale, and Virginia (Kevin) Lorentz of Brainerd; 4 grandchildren, Isaac, Shelby, and Shanice Lorentz, and Madeline Murphy; and sister, Mary Barden of Phoenix, AZ. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 27, 2008 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills with Pastor Rod Krueger officiating. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery in New York Mills. Pallbearers were Bill Woods, Kevin Kampsula, Scott Kampsula, Ryan Brasel, Bob Brasel, Rich Brasel, and Mike Ramsey.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mikey and Family.  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was a very kind, loving woman. We are all very lucky to have known her. Thoughts and Prayers to all of you.  
God Bless.

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**Holly Pary Ness** - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Shirley was a remarkable woman, a wonderful friend, and a mother that loved her children with all her heart.  
She was the funniest woman, and put her together with her husband a comedy team. She is finally with her husband she loved so much, and they are now making the angels laugh. I will miss you...you were loved by so many, and will never be forgotten, we all have great memories to share.

Jeff, Vicki, Ginger, Pat, Mike, my heart goes out to you...I Love you....Missy

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**Missy Kamrath** - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM