



## Shirley Hamre

August 8, 1936 - September 15, 2025

The memorial service celebrating the life of Shirley Hamre of Wadena will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to:

[www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena](https://www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena) or <https://www.facebook.com/immanuelwadena>

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Shirley Arleen Hamre (Lillquist) entered her heavenly home on September 15, 2025. She was born to Harry and Hilma Lillquist on August 8, 1936. Shirley was raised in Wadena and graduated in 1954. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead for 1 year to take business courses. She retired from the 1st National Bank after serving 30+ years as teller.

In 1957, she married Byron Hamre and they were married 55 years before he passed away in 2013. They started their life together in Kindred, ND but moved to Wadena in 1959.

Shirley loved being active in church and the community. Family and friends were very dear to her.

Preceding Shirley in death were her husband, Byron; parents, Harry and Hilma; brother, Eldon Lillquist; and parents-in-law Bennie and Mabel Hamre.

She is survived by: son Mark (Melissa) Hamre of Oak Grove, MN; daughter Janell (John) Weum of Eden Prairie, MN; grandchildren Kyle (Chayna) Hamre, Meghan (Tom) Esser, Nicole (Peter) Louie, David (Rebekah) Weum; great grandchildren Eli, Addison, Jocelyn, Reuben, Judah, Kira, David, Benjamin, Moses, Asa; sister Arlyce (John) Schmit of Rapid City, SD; sisters-in-law Sonja Lillquist, Clara Hamre, Elaine Olson, Janet Hamre; brother-in-law Don (Bev) Hamre; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St SE, Wadena, MN 56482.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Memorial Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena  
403 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Tribute Wall



“ Sue Halliwill McDonald lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Sue Halliwill Mcdonald - October 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ I remember her very well at the First National Bank in Wadena. She was a very lovely very kind lady. I recognize her face on the obituaries. I did not know she passed away so sorry to hear that. You have my blessings.

Scott Kern - October 04, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Becky (Komula) Limke lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Becky (Komula) Limke - September 25, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Hamre.



September 23, 2025 at 09:20 AM



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

September 23, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Janice Denny - September 22, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Ray and Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - September 21, 2025 at 07:01 AM



“ Shirley was one of the kindest and most caring person. She always met you with her warm and friendly smile. We did Bible Study with her and Byron years ago and her faith was so impressive. God's Blessings to the family.



Scott & Peggy Loween - September 20, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JA

“ *Jonell Asfeld lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Jonell Asfeld** - September 20, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Marjorie Mohs-Harrison** - September 20, 2025 at 08:48 AM

BS

“ *Bonnie Schlecht lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Bonnie Schlecht** - September 19, 2025 at 01:31 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Betty Barr** - September 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie Schlecht lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Bonnie Schlecht** - September 18, 2025 at 09:57 PM

AA

“ *Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Arlys Andrews** - September 18, 2025 at 07:29 PM

JD

“ *Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Janice Denny** - September 18, 2025 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ *Shirley’s enthusiasm for her work at church encouraged many to join the Immanuel women to join in to make the group very active in many activities at her church. She was enthusiastic and encouraged many women who would have remained on the “fringes to become welcome and very helpful. And productive members. She will be missed.*

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**mary Snorek** - September 18, 2025 at 04:13 PM

GA

“ Shirley was a great customer at Don's Red Owl. She was a local regular. She always sat right behind me when I announced the WDC basketball games for the last 28 years. Rest in peace, Shirley.  
Greg Anderson

G.P. ANDERSON - September 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JB

“ For several years I would see Shirley at Oma's on Tuesday mornings. When I would visit my sister, Jeanne, at Fair Oaks, I would often have the opportunity to visit with Shirley. I was a fan of her gracious smile and her calm demeanor. Shirley, rest in peace.



Joyce Boyne - September 18, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JJ

“ What a wonderful woman ! Byron and Shirley never missed an athletic event. Wadena High Schools most dedicated fans.



Jon and Patty Johnson - September 18, 2025 at 11:48 AM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Darrell & Peggy Haman - September 17, 2025 at 11:05 PM

DA

“ *What a life well lived! Shirley radiated grace & goodness. My special memories of Shirley center around Immanuel Church activities & the few years Jerry & I shared as neighbors down the street from her on 7th Street.* 🧡🙏



**Diane Anderson** - September 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



**Gladys Chase** - September 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



**Marladene Heinen** - September 17, 2025 at 06:14 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to Shirley's family. Our families spent alot of time at the ballpark back in the day. She was a sweet lady.*

**Pam Grewe Sandberg** - September 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM

GP

“ Shirley and Byron were valued friends of my Mother (Opal)....generous, kind and full of fun. We shared a lovely visit last summer at Fair Oaks. My condolences to all of her family.  
Gail



Gail Pierson - September 17, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Mike and Lea Snyder - September 17, 2025 at 05:03 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Sharon Boline - September 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM

JE

“ Jand Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Jand Erckenbrack - September 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DG

“ Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Donna Grendahl - September 17, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SK

“ Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Sandy Kapphahn - September 17, 2025 at 01:08 PM

MS

“ Marvin/Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre



Marvin/Kim Stokes - September 17, 2025 at 12:18 PM

MN

“ Shirley was a pioneer and a pillar of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was an enthusiastic supporter and worker at countless activities and events during her lifetime. We will miss her positive attitude, her cheerful smile, and her commitment to the work of the Immanuel community.



Marilyn Nervig - September 17, 2025 at 11:04 AM

JE

“ *Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Judy Erdahl** - September 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ *I've known Shirley for many years, always a pleasant lady to chat with. My sincere sympathy to the whole family. Karen Thomson Munson*



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**Karen Munson** - September 17, 2025 at 10:42 AM

LM

“ *Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Liz Miller** - September 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MC

“ *Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamre*



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**Marcy Collins** - September 17, 2025 at 07:56 AM

DA

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Shirley’s family. She was a neighbor of mine for a few years and I really enjoyed her company! I will be unable to make it to her funeral on the 27th but wanted to let you know I will be thinking of her and asking for God’s blessings on all her family!*

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**Debbie Anderson** - September 17, 2025 at 12:21 AM