



## Shirley Lutz

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The world lost a shining presence on June 14, 2021, when Shirley Carolyn Lutz of Palm Springs/Paradise, CA passed away peacefully at the age of 98 with her devoted daughter, Bonnie Flood, by her side. Shirley was born October 29, 1922 to Frank and Julia Chapek in Farmington, Michigan. She had three brothers and two sisters who were 15 to 23 years older. When Shirley's father passed away in 1929, she and her mother lived with sister, Marie and her husband George McIntyre until she married high school sweetheart, Sibert "Bud" Lutz, in 1943. Their twin daughters, Barbara and Bonnie were born the following year.

When the girls went to high school, she traded her homemaking duties in to become secretary to the Assistant Principal at Southfield High where she worked for the next 13 years. After Bonnie moved to California in 1963 and Barbara in '68, Shirley and Bud followed, living in Hayward until the early '80's when they built their forever home in Paradise.

Shirley and Bud loved traveling whether in their motorhome throughout the United States, the Mayan ruins, or with a motorhome tour group through Mexico. They also visited many European countries as well as Egypt, China,

and Japan. Countless summers were spent with family on Lake Oroville on their houseboat "Oinkers Aweigh." When asked for a highlight, she was quick to say it was their family's surprise gift week to Club Med in Mexico to celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary. The biggest surprise was ten members of their immediate family were there, with the Paradise clan on the same plane with them, only in disguise.

There is no denying that you saw her entire life in all that she had and all that she did. Her home was filled with pictures, plants, paintings, books, and ALL of the things that made her GiGi! Shirley was genuine, strong and inspiring. Most importantly, you saw her welcome everyone into her home, including numerous family dogs. She shared her table, her food, her heart, and her warmth. She loved loving! If you failed to learn how to treat others by watching her...you, my friend, were not watching!

While living in Paradise Shirley was a member of Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) and a volunteer at Feather River Hospital. She loved all types of dancing, especially her aerobic dance classes at Sporthaven and Beyond Fitness. She was an avid golfer with the Bidwell Ladies Golf Club, however, her hole in one in 1981 at the Hayward Golf Course 8th (165 yard) hole with a 3-Wood was the highlight of her golfing career.

Shirley was modest and humble, never judgmental, and always forgiving. She spoke of her life with enthusiasm. She would reach across that kitchen table, pat your hand, and all the world would be right again. She meant it. All her love she gave in that one touch. She showed us the importance of enjoying the moment, creating experiences and honoring family and friends. She taught us to laugh, love, and enjoy every day.

Shirley is survived by her twin daughters, Barbara (Robert) Mowers and Bonnie Flood; four grandchildren, David Mowers (Nick Nicholson), Hilary

(Michael) Ervin, Michael (Allison) Mowers and Sean Flood; 7 great-grandchildren, Brandt, Bennett and Reece Ervin, Lucy and Natalie Mowers, Cutter and Harlan Flood and niece-in-law, Kathryn McIntyre.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Julia Chapek, siblings Florian, Rodian, Marie, Jewell and Henry, her husband Bud Lutz, son-in-law James T. Flood and nephews Tommy McIntyre and William McIntyre.

Memorial Donations may be made in Shirley's name to The Tess McIntyre Foundation (81160 Kingston Heath, La Quinta, CA 92253/[www.tessmcintyrefoundation.org](http://www.tessmcintyrefoundation.org)). This foundation raises funds for animals who need medical attention in order to improve their quality of life and their chances for adoption.

The family can't begin to express how much we will miss Shirley/Grandma/GiGi, but we also know she led a wonderful life. We celebrate her life and will continue her legacy in all that we do. No formal services will be held, please celebrate Shirley's life in your own way.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Lutz*

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