



## Shirley Butler

January 9, 1933 - December 23, 2025

Shirley Mae Butler, 92, Greene, IA, passed into her Savior's loving arms on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Floyd County Medical Center, Charles City, IA. She was born Jan. 9, 1933, in Greene, IA, to Albert and Pearl (Van Raden) Hammel. She graduated from Greene High School in 1950. Shirley attended Iowa State Teacher's College (now University of Northern Iowa) and received a teaching diploma. She taught third grade in Dumont, IA, before her marriage.

Shirley married Paul L. Butler on Nov. 27, 1955, at Calvary Baptist Church, Greene. They farmed in the Greene and Bristow areas for 40 years until retiring in Greene in 1998. Shirley was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and youth group for many years and was a member of the Women's Missionary Circle.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Philip (Jeannette) Butler, Colfax, IA; daughter, Janell (Frank) Wojtowicz, New Brighton, MN; grandchildren, Holly (Ryan) Jochims, Omaha, NE; Melinda Harshbarger, Bellevue, NE; great-grandchildren, Trey Jochims and Brianna Jochims, Omaha, NE; nieces, Denise (Todd) Studer, Blaine, MN; and Elizabeth (Charles) Clute, Atlanta, GA; nephews, Neil Ahlquist, New Brighton, MN; Scott Ahlquist, Minneapolis, MN; Brian (Heather) Ahlquist, Spokane WA; Steven Butler, Eldridge, IA; and cousins, Barbara Kaminen, Ishpeming, MI; and Patti (James) Olmstead, Shell Rock, IA.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul; brother, Pfc. Donald Hammel who died in action in World War II; sister, Carol Ahlquist; daughter, Kristin; grandson, Senior Airman Dale Butler; nephew, David Butler; sister-in-law, Doris Butler; and brother-in-law Rev. John Butler.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, Greene, IA, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Greene IA.

Memorials preferred to Calvary Baptist Church, Greene Public Library, and Greene Volunteer Ambulance.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave  
Greene, IA 50636

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
312 S Main St  
Greene, IA 50636

## Funeral service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
312 S Main St  
Greene, IA 50636

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Butler.*



January 02 at 05:53 PM



“ *Terry & Heidi Wojtowicz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Butler.*



**Terry & Heidi Wojtowicz** - December 31, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *She was the mother of Phil in one of my first teaching experiences in Bristow when I first graduated from College. Phil was the reason I feel she was such a wonderful person because he emulates the parents who raised him. Please accept my condolences. In Christian love - Craig Scott*

**Craig Scott** - December 30, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Shirley was my 3rd grade teacher in Dumont. I can clearly remember when Paul came home from the service and surprised Shirley by visiting school. I was so impressed by him in his uniform. I used to get letters from Shirley after she quit teaching. Marge Freese*

**Marge Freese** - December 30, 2025 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your Family.*

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**J.D. & Lori Smith** - December 28, 2025 at 07:55 AM