

Obituary
Shirley (Range) Peters

Shirley Peters was born near Friend, Nebraska on November 16, 1925 to Ruth (Horne) and Charles Range, the oldest of two children. She died peacefully on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at Wesley Glen in Columbus, Ohio after an all-too-brief battle with MDS and leukemia at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 28 days. She attended Friend Public School until her family moved to Iowa and enjoyed returning for many class reunions. Shirley grew up in Friend and the surrounding communities where she always felt at home. Her family moved to Iowa and continued to farm there for many years. Shirley left Iowa to attend the University of Omaha and Creighton. She started her office career in Omaha where she met and married Frank Russell Peters. They began their family in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Columbus in 1956 where Shirley lived the remainder of her life.

She re-entered the work force in the early 1960's, working in OSU's occupational therapy department while earning her BS in Education. She taught (mostly 1st and 2nd grades) in Columbus Public Schools (including East Linden, Hubbard, Heyl and 2nd Avenue), helping to initiate the Head Start Program during the 1960's and completed her MS in Education at OSU while teaching. She continued her interest in education at her church, Ascension Lutheran, through her work in the preschool and the library.

Shirley was a volunteer with Columbus Public Library and Barber Roselea; she was involved in Clintonville Historical Society, Cum Cristo, WWM, and other social and civic activities; she was a world traveler who took a deep interest in people and their lives; and she was a lifelong learner with special interests in music and other arts. She enjoyed sharing her life with family, friends, and her beloved pets.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Kristine and David Plisga, Columbus, Ohio and Rebecca and Jim Garmhausen, South San Francisco, Calif.; grandchildren, Nora Plisga, and John Plisga both of Columbus, Ohio; sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Frank Giddings, Springfield, Mo., many nieces, nephews, extended family including Ruth Cummings and Robert Lee, and many friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends were invited to call at Weir-Arend Funeral Home in Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday, January 15 from 4-7 p.m. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 with Rev. Tim Muller officiating at Ascension Lutheran Church in Columbus with a reception for friends following the service. Inurnment was at Andrew Cemetery, Friend, Nebraska on Thursday, January 24, 2008 with the Revs. Tim and Ginny Adams officiating with family members attending. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make a donation to one of the following in honor of Shirley: Ascension Lutheran Church (4221 N. High St, Columbus, OH 43229); United Church of Christ (639 – 2nd Street, Friend, Neb. 68359); Mount Carmel Hospice (1144 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215); or to the Wesley Glen Retirement Community (5155 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43214). Nebraska arrangements have been entrusted to Lauber-

Moore Funeral Home, Friend. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermooore.com.