Shirley Burns was born to Carl and Bessie Schlomer on August 5, 1940 in Mobridge. She attended school at Wakpala and the Northwest Lutheran Academy. She married Earl Burns on March 10, 1957, and helped him haul hay until Machelle came along in 1963 and John Carl in 1965. In 1966 they moved out to the Leo Shirber farm where they farmed and raised cattle. In 1974 Earl got involved with the new Klein Museum. They continued to farm and run the museum until 1983 when they purchased the Bridge City Florist. They moved to town and Shirley ran the flower shop until they sold it in 2007. She continued to work in the flower shop until 2008. She worked at the Mobridge Pollock School in the kitchen for awhile and then went back to the flower shop under new managers Bob and Melissa Durbin who treated her like family. She worked at the flower shop until December 2017 when due to health problems she moved to Sioux Falls to live with her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Machelle (Gary) Dierkson, granddaughter, Kayla, step granddaughter, Kelly, great grandchildren, Savannah, Allie, Trevor and Malakye, sisters, Pearl (Sid) Haux, Carla Jund, brothers, Delvin (JoAnn) Schlomer, Cordie (Marlys) Schlomer, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl in 2014, son, John Carl, parents and sister, Betty.
The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters: He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake...

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever...