



Lucyl Shirk

Lucyl A. Shirk was born and raised in Oklahoma City, and lived here until her death in 2008. She graduated from Central High School and attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving a history degree. A history teacher at Britton High School until its closing in 1950, Miss Shirk remained in touch with many of her students. In the 1980s the class of 1950 began meeting regularly, and every year Miss Shirk would host a Christmas dinner for the group. She taught in Oklahoma City Public Schools until 1954.

She soon became the executive director of the Oklahoma City Council of Camp Fire Girls, also serving as the director of Camp Cimarron until her retirement in 1979. She served on the boards of several charitable organizations, and was an active volunteer to the Oklahoma Historical Society and William Fremont Harn Homestead. A seasoned world traveler, Miss Shirk visited the Taj Mahal, went on an African safari and criss-crossed Australia.

Following the philosophy “community service is the rent you pay for your time on earth,” Mrs. Shirk established an advised fund in memory of her mother, Carrie Shirk, at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Through the fund, Mrs. Shirk was able to honor her mother while supporting the charitable organizations she cared most about.