



Viola Sanders

February 14, 1925 - May 16, 2010

Viola Gladys Venske was born on February 14, 1925 in Lester Prairie, MN, to the late Gustav and Elizabeth (Karls) Venske. The family moved to Randall, MN, where Viola grew up. She was united in marriage to Eldon D. Sanders on December 25, 1943, and the couple made their home in Little Falls, where they raised their six children. In 1961, they moved to Stillwater, MN, and then relocated to California in 1965. During their retirement years, they would spend their summers in the Randall area and their winters in Apache Junction, AZ. Due to declining health, they returned to Stillwater, where they remained. Eldon passed away in 2005 after 62 years of marriage. Viola worked for many years as a cook at Linden Care Center in Stillwater, and also helped out her husband with their security service business in California. Viola enjoyed sewing, crafts, reading, poetry, and especially Native American history. She loved traveling with her husband and family, taking many trips with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ivan and Dorothy Sanders. Viola was an excellent cook, yet also enjoyed going “out for coffee”. Her joy was her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Stillwater, and a lifetime member of Randall V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

Viola will be greatly missed by her sons, Jerald E. (Shirley) Sanders of Champlin, MN, and Eldon Bradley (Judith) Sanders of Deer Park, WI; daughters, Connie (John) Kogler of Stillwater, MN, Denae (Robert) Samler of Casa Grande, AZ, Allison (Lawrence) Munch of Stillwater, MN, and Michelle

(James) Robinson of Cushing, MN; brothers, Marvin (Pat) and Melford Venske; sisters, Donna (Lee) Hain, and Betty (John) Peterson; sister-in-law, Rita (Curt) Venske; 24 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eldon; brothers, Virgil, Myron, Curtis, and Vernon Venske; sisters, Elvira Petrich, Doris Anderson, and Ila Woodworth.

Casketbearers will be Paul Sanders, Craig Kogler, Mike Sanders, Tonya Samler, Eric Hostetter, and Kari Robinson.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Randall
121 East 6th Street
Randall, MN

Service

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Randall
121 East 6th Street
Randall, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Viola Sanders*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Viola Sanders*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jerry & LaRaine Blomker##imported-end##*

May 19, 2010 at 03:27 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy to everyone in the Venske and Sanders family.##imported-begin##Melanie and Doug Woodworth##imported-end##*

May 18, 2010 at 08:23 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the Sanders and Venske families.

Larry, Char, JR and Chelsea Runyan##imported-begin##Char Runyan##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 05:27 PM



“ My prayers will be with all of you...

Sending my love,

Sandy (Hain) Tellinghuisen##imported-begin##Sandy Tellinghuisen##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 04:34 PM



“ Our prayers are with the Family.

Amery VFW Post 7929##imported-begin##Bob LaBathe##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 02:49 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. May all of the thoughts and prayers help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Chris (WashCo)##imported-end##

May 18, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ Her gregarious laugh will be missed. She had a warmth that made many members of her family and friends feel welcomed.##imported-begin##Ted Venske##imported-end##

May 17, 2010 at 05:07 PM