



Viola Mae Erwin

October 6, 1939 - April 28, 2023

Viola Mae Erwin, age 83, of Bradley passed away Friday, April 28, 2023 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born October 6, 1939 in Buckingham, the daughter of Harry & Ruby (Noles) Coffman. Viola married Duane Erwin on April 24, 1964 in Monee. He preceded her in death on May 2, 2021.

Viola worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a Nurse's Aide. She had also worked in the Bradley School District #61 as a cafeteria worker.

Viola attended Kempton Nazarene Church in Kempton where she attended services and taught Sunday School until she met Duane Erwin and married. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she attended services and taught CCD (Sunday school) for several years.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Brian & Paula Erwin of Peotone, Tim Erwin and Todd Erwin, both of Murfreesboro, TN; four grandchildren, Joshua, Coltin, Sierra, and Brandon; one great grandchild, Oliver; two step-grandchildren, Brittany and Nate; eight sisters, Delores Yarneau, Alice Leuer, Lois Rademacher, Helen DeRose, Charlene Bessen, Betty Cook, Verna Hall, and Mary Dressler; two brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law, Dan & Paula Erwin, Randy & Cindy Erwin, and Rexene Doss; and special nephews, Seth Hall and David Yarneau. In addition to her most beloved husband of 59 years, Duane Erwin, Viola is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harry Coffman Jr. and Robert Coffman; and one sister, Judy Coffman.

To honor Viola's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. A private service will be held at a later date with inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Viola was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathy to all of thoe who will miss Viola, especially her sisters.
I know she appreciated her sons and their wives very much. She was a caring and observant woman. We knew each other since first grade . I always enjoyed getting her letters and was pleased when we were able to see one another, tho rarely. Time goes way too fast.
Sweet memories,
Carol Donley Desch

carol Desch - May 05, 2023 at 10:53 PM

AL

“ Alice Leuer lit a candle in memory of Viola
Mae Erwin



Alice Leuer - May 04, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MC

“ Enjoyed working with Viola in the school cafeteria! RIP Viola 💜🙏 Marla Coy



Marla Coy - May 03, 2023 at 09:10 PM

MD

“ Rest now Sis. I know you are with Duane and Momma...

Mary Coffman Dressler - May 03, 2023 at 06:53 PM

MD

“ *Mary Coffman Dressler lit a candle in memory of Viola Mae Erwin*



Mary Coffman Dressler - May 03, 2023 at 06:51 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Viola Mae Erwin*



Gloria Bydalek - May 03, 2023 at 06:23 PM

GB

Viola's family has Betty Plante and my sympathy . A sweet and caring woman.

Gloria Bydalek - May 03, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Verna Hall lit a candle in memory of Viola Mae Erwin*



Verna Hall - May 03, 2023 at 10:33 AM

CM

“ *Lovely lady. Rest in peace. Cathie (Bergan) Miedema*



cathie miedema - May 02, 2023 at 04:03 PM



Vi you were a great sister and a good friend, always there when I needed you. I will miss you greatly.

Verna Hall - May 03, 2023 at 10:32 AM

AL

Alice and Lenny Leuer send their sympathy and prayers. Eternal rest grant her O Lord. May she rest in peace. May your perpetual light shine on her. We have many memories of her.

Alice Leuer - May 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM