



Viola M. Duncan

September 2, 1921 - June 16, 2017

Viola Duncan, 95
Kearney resident

Viola M. Duncan, 95, of Kearney, died Friday, June 16, 2017 surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Friday, June 23, 2017 at Kearney Evangelical Free Church. Interment will be at Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Haven's Chapel United Methodist Church or to Aseracare Hospice. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Viola was born September 2, 1921 in Custer County, Nebraska to Charles P. and Pearl (Gray) Godown. She was a graduate of Litchfield High School. Following her graduation, Viola taught school at Fairview School District #110 in rural Buffalo County. On December 5, 1943, she was united in marriage to William Duncan at St. Michael. Viola was a homemaker for several years before working at Unimart. She earned the position as Head Baker and received many awards including the Master Baker Award through Nash Finch.

She later became a foster grandmother with Rhyme and Reason. Viola also volunteered at her daughter's home daycare.

She was a longtime member of Haven's Chapel United Methodist Church where she had been active in United Methodist Women. Viola was also active in Senior Citizen Band, Rebekah's Lodge, VFW Auxiliary, Christian Women Club and Extension Clubs. She enjoyed playing cards with many friends, singing, watching games shows, baking pies and jelly and doing crossword puzzles. Most of all she cherished the time spent with her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter Jolene Schroer and husband Rodney of Kearney; sons Ronald Duncan and wife Jan of Cairo and Donald Duncan and wife Sandy of Alda; grandchildren, Shawn (Megan) Duncan, Lisa (Dustin) Butler, Chris Duncan, Rob Duncan, Cindy Schroer, Vic Schroer and Crystal Schroer; 9 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; husband Bill Duncan; son Terry Duncan; brothers Jim and Merle Godown; sisters Blanche Schmidt and Laura Ahrens.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel

31918 160th Road
Kearney, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola M. Duncan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I met Viola many years ago thru Church Woman United. What a wonderful lady who was always praising her family and had a smile to share. God blessed those who knew Viola Duncan. Holding the family and others close to my heart and in prayer*

Brenda Rainwater - June 22, 2017 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dear Jolene, Rod & family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. May Viola rest in peace, she was truly blessed to have your dedication and care in the end.

*With sincere sympathy,
Kim Reidy*

kim reidy - June 21, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Viola M. Duncan.*



June 21, 2017 at 10:48 AM

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“ I will always remember Viola as the "birthday woman" at Haven's Chapel. Every Sunday during the social hour before church, Viola would take the little white lighthouse money bank around to anyone that had a birthday and lead everyone in singing Happy Birthday while they put coins in the bank. Great woman and will surely be missed by all who knew her.

Kevin Stubbs - June 20, 2017 at 11:45 AM

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“ Dear Cousins, do you remember a few 4th of July evenings we spent up to Gramp's (Duncan) for fireworks and home made ice cream and cake? I remember one time Aunt Viola made a "tutti frutti" flavor and she had crushed pineapple in it. I thought that was just the greatest! I also remember driving from our place up to Gramp's that night with the car windows rolled down and smelling the sweet clover blooming. To this day if I am down to Mom and Dad's and drive up the road toward the Duncan home place and smell sweet clover blooming, I think of that 4th of July and your mom's special ice cream! I also remember how she loved picnics. She always looked like she was having a good time when we were at a picnic. Mom's are very special. Know you will miss her very much. Love you all!

Glenda Duncan Leithoff - June 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM