

# Remembrance

## Viola M. Ostebee, 92

April 6, 1925 - Jan. 30, 2018

**AUDUBON** — Viola Mae, daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina (Dreager) Asmus was born April 6, 1925, at the family home in rural Audubon.

Viola attended school and graduated from Gray Community Schools in 1942. Viola was united in marriage with Magnus Ostebee by Pastor Otto at 8:30 p.m. on August 20, 1944, at Trinity Lutheran Church. The couple initially made their home near Irwin before making their home in rural Audubon County where they farmed and raised Hereford cattle and farrowed hogs. The couple was blessed with three children: Eugene, Merlene and Eileen. Eugene went to be with Jesus in July of 1956 during open heart surgery at Iowa City. Magnus was called to his eternal home in February 1966. Despite these challenges, Viola remained on the farm maintaining the farm and the livestock while raising her two other children.

Viola was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Audubon until it was moved to a historical site in May 2006. Then she became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Manning until she was no longer able to drive. She then enjoyed attending evening services at Peace Lutheran Church in Harlan with her son, where she was an active member at the time of her death.

Viola was definitely a farm girl. She loved being outside tending her flowers and garden, doing daily chores and working with the cattle, whom she all knew personally. Viola had a heart bigger than life and enjoyed piecing together quilts for family and friends, as well for Lutheran World Relief. Most importantly Viola had a contagious love for the lord. She was rock solid in her faith and this made her the pillar of her family and the tremendous wife, mother and grandma we cherished.

Viola died January 30, 2018 at Manning Regional Healthcare Center at the age of 92 years, 9 months and 24 days.

Welcoming Viola at heaven's gates in addition to her parents, husband and son were her daughter Eileen in 2005 and her brothers Arnold, Earl and Harold Asmus.

Left to grieve Viola are her son Reverend Merlene (Joyce) Ostebee of Audubon and son-in-law Ron (Kay) Sporrer of Anderson, SC; grandchildren: Bridget (John) Cunningham of Stewartville, MN; Aaron (and special friend Adriane) Ostebee of Easley SC; Heath (Sitton) Ostebee of Easley SC; Amber Ostebee of Rochester, MN; Lindsey Sporrer of Santa Monica, CA; and Kyle Sporrer of Corvallis, OR; great-grandchildren: Ian, Aayden, Anna and Elayna of Stewartville, MN; Halle of Easley, SC; and Ali, Lexi, Hunter and Nate of Easley SC. Also surviving Viola are sisters-in-law Darlene Asmus of Audubon and Margaret Cook of Phoenix, AZ; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Church - Hausbarn Heritage Park in Manning. Rev. Robert Riggert officiated. Casket-bearers included Aaron Ostebee, Heath Ostebee, Amber Ostebee, Bridget Cunningham, Tim Christensen and Stan Baack. Interment was in the Manning Cemetery.

Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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