



Viola C. Davenport

January 8, 1913 - July 14, 2011

Viola (Stutz) Davenport

Viola C. Davenport, age 98 passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. She was born on January 8, 1913 in Fosterburg the daughter of the late Fred and Bertha (Klinke) Stutz.

Viola will be best remembered by her caring and loving spirit, hard work, potato rolls, risk taking, rug weaving and her advice-giving counsel. She leaves behind her legacy of these five characteristics to be carried on by her descendants: Faith--all things are possible with God, Family--Always take care of others, Generosity--give from the heart, Honesty--always tell the truth, Hard working--work until the job is done well.

Viola married Clarence A. "Deb" Davenport on November 27, 1935 in Alton. He preceded her in death on February 22, 1992. She is survived by four daughters; Sandee Broeker (Stan) of St. Charles, Mo, Cindy Gelsthorpe of Godfrey, Mary Mager (Jim) of Godfrey and Jan Davenport of Godfrey, two sons; C. Allen Davenport (Janet) of Godfrey and Gerald Davenport of Godfrey, a special sister in law; Dorothy Stutz, 17 grandchildren; Greg Broeker (Joelle) Christie Kolath (Scott), Jason Broeker (Jill), Nicholas Broeker (Amy), Michael

Davenport (Maria), Julie Rutkowski (Bob), Heather Davenport, Mark Gelsthorpe (Ronda), Matt Gelsthorpe, Tom Gelsthorpe (Erin), Andi Peters (Rob), Laura Wright (Adam), Cory Davenport, Tammy Wells, Tony Davenport (Amanda), Jeremiah Mager (Lora) and Sarah Cordes (John), 16 great grandchildren; Charline, Alice, Gabrielle, Alec, Brooke, Caroline, Luke, Liam, Ross, Mason, Merek, Orion, Noah, Jackson, Hank and Joshua. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a son; Walter Allen Davenport, her siblings and their spouses; Bill Stutz (Jewel), John Stutz (Florence), Walter Stutz (Mary), Marie Meyer (Stan), Freda Card (Ray) and Adelaide Brooks (Art), a son in law; Gary Gelsthorpe, a granddaughter; Diane Gelsthorpe and a great grandson; Ben Gelsthorpe.

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 Sunday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral Mass will be noon Monday at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey with Father Jerry Wickenhauser officiating. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be given to St. Ambrose School Endowment Fund, 820 W. Homer Adams Parkway, Godfrey, IL 62035, St. Vincent de Paul Society, 820 W. Homer Adams Parkway, Godfrey, IL 62035 or Crisis Food Center, 21 E. 6th St., Alton, IL 62002

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Tribute Wall



“ *Viola C. Davenport*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Viola C. Davenport*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *To the entire Davenport family, please accept our deepest sympathy and our prayers. Mrs Davenport was a wonderful lady and surely will be missed so much by all of her loved ones. Her perpetual support to Crisis Food Center, helping the needy, was truly a testament to her never-ending generosity. Our Lord must have needed another wonderful angel in heaven.*

Harold & Mary (Wille) Brand - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan, I wish to express my condolences regarding the passing of your mother. I was at my family farm this past weekend and unfortunately was unable to express my condolences personally at the visitation. Your Mom was indeed a great lady given the numerous stories you told of her over the years. And, I will think of her each time I am at my farm in Mt. Vernon Illinois since the quilts she made are throughout the home. Your conversations with her have ceased but the memories will remain for eternity. God bless,
Bill Cross*

Bill Cross - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

MARY BOWEN & FAMILY - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ It has been an honor and privilege to know Viola. She has been an inspiration to us and we will never forget her. We Love You Viola. Love and Prayers to all of you.

Edie & Roger Georgewitz - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Our heartfelt prayers and condolences are with all the family. Viola was a special person who loved her family, friends, loved to stay busy.

God was good to let her stay with us all this long and share her life and love with us.

Phil and Ann Ellis - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so glad that I was able to stop by and visit her one day at the house with my Aunt Carol. I can remember the days, when I visited my grandparents, Eddie and Elearnor Dean, and we would go next door and play with Jan and Mary (I believe it was Mary). Your family is a special family. I know that you will miss her - but she led a pretty good life. Your mom and the girls, I think, catered my wedding reception almost 30 years ago, which I truly appreciated.

Sheryl (Dean) Schaefer - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Hated to hear Aunt Viola passed. I will always remember the last time I saw her. A Stutz reunion, I asked how she was doing and she said meaner than ever. She said ain't you mean, I said yes I guess I am. She looked at me with blue eyes sparkling and said you can't help it it's bread into ya. An icon of her era surely to missed. God bless.

Mark Medlock - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Aunt Viola was one of my favorite people. I admired her very much. I will miss her as I know you will. God Bless

Ronnie Meyer - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our Sympathy to you Cindy and the rest of your family,

Having your Mother for so long was a true blessing, she lived a good long life.

May she now Rest In Peace !

Ruth and Harry Goforth - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, GOD BLESS

Jim, Susan Oetken,Sr. and family - July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM