



Viola E. Ruff

March 15, 1918 - January 16, 2016

Viola E. Ruff, 97, of Grand Island died Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 212 W. 12th St., with Reverend Jack Gillam officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday prior to the service.

Viola was born March 15, 1918 in Malcolm, NE, to Gustva and Rose (Vlcek) Schmersal. She received her education in Malcolm until the 8th grade when she left school to help her parents with the farm work. She was united in marriage to Ernest M. Ruff on September 6, 1938 in Grand Island at the Trinity Lutheran Church parsonage.

Viola was always known as 'the seamstress in a yellow house on 17th Street'. For years she was the alterations seamstress for Schweser's Department Store, Ideal Cleaners and Marion's Casuals.

She was a devoted lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a past member of the Platt Duetsche. In her later years, Viola faithfully listened to the Trinity Lutheran radio broadcast of the Sunday service. Her family was her top priority. A close second would be playing cards with her friends. She also adored her trips to the Colorado casinos and loved to play bingo.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Dorothy Ruff of Broomfield, CO and daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Tom Stoner of Jackson, MN; five grandchildren, Marty (Brenda) Ruff and their

children, Brandon, Brandi, Dillon and Breanne, Lori (Mike) Murphy and their children, Bailey and Hannah, Doug (Leah) Ruff, Lisa (Steve) Lusk and their daughter Lauren (Jordan), and Jill (Matt) Anderson and their children, Blake, Winston and Sophia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest; parents; sisters, Gertrude Richters, Iva Scheffel, Marie Roebke and Anna Luebbe; brother, Roy Schmersal and great grandson, Joshua Michael Murphy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola E. Ruff*

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“ *Just wanted to let you all know you are in our thoughts and prayers!! She was such a sweet lady!! Love to you all!! Cindy & Kevin Willey~~*

Cindy Willey - January 21, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. we cant make the funeral as dan's health doesn't let us go out of town. we are so thankful we have so many memories and your mother was a very special lady. thanks for letting us know. with all our love dan and lois Beckmann.*

dan lois beckmann - January 19, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ *Roger & Dorothy,*

We are sending you our thoughts and prayers. We know you have many wonderful memories of your mom, that will help you at this time.

Love to you both.

Kirk & Charlene Hooker

Charlene Hooker - January 19, 2016 at 01:18 PM



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