



Violet "Vi" Brogan Schweitzer

October 30, 1917 - March 6, 2016

Violet "Vi" (Orr) Brogan Schweitzer, 98, of Grand Island received her final boarding pass on Sunday, March 6, 2016, in route to her heavenly home. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ericson United Methodist Church, under the direction of Pastor Alison Rook. Graveside service will be at 3:00 p.m. (MST), Sunday, in the Ash Hollow Cemetery at Lewellen, NE.

Violet was born October 30, 1917, to Warren Harold Orr and Alma Cordelia (Boggs) at Lewellen, Garden County, Nebraska. She grew to womanhood in Garden County attending Elementary School, and graduated from Garden County High School in 1935. She attended Chillicothe Business School graduating in 1937. Vi also attended Kearney State College.

On November 1, 1939, she was married to William Brogan and later divorced. To this union three sons were born, Barry, Leslie and Michael.

On July 11, 1950, Violet was united in marriage to George W. Schweitzer at Alliance Nebraska. To this union two daughters were born, Debra and Kimmie. George passed away in 1973.

After their marriage George and Vi moved to a ranch in Logan County where George managed the ranch and Vi taught school for 4 years. In 1963, Vi and her husband moved from Stuart, Nebraska to her present home in Ericson. At the time of their move they began managing the Ericson State Bank and later purchased the Bank from Vi's father, Harold Orr. After George's death, Vi continued to manage the Ericson State Bank; she was one of four women

bank presidents in the State of Nebraska. At the time of her passing Vi remained a member of the Board of Directors and President of Wheeler County Bancshares, Inc.

Vi was very proud of her children and grandchildren and put a high value on education. She had traveled to over 50 countries and visited all but one continent. Vi was known to be a voracious reader, avid puzzle solver and lover of strong, black coffee and politics.

Vi was a member of the Ericson United Methodist Church, past president of the Sandhill's Chapter of the Bank Administration Institute, a 4-H leader, past member of the town board, Nebraska Admirals, Grand Island Saddle Club and Nebraska Status of Women. She was a member of the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does and The Greater Nebraska Health Systems Agency. She was also a very active member of the Nebraska Republican Party.

Survivors include Barry (Jamia) Brogan of Titusville, FL, Michael (Sue) Brogan of Anchorage, AK, Debra (Jack) Poulsen of Ericson, NE and Kimmie (Allen) Caudill of Wolbach, Nebraska; fifteen grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruby Stimson of Ogallala, NE and many nieces and nephews.

Vi was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Alma Orr; her husband, George Schweitzer; son, Leslie Brogan; grandson, Mike Brown; brother, Dr. Warren Orr and sister, Irma Stocker.

Memorials are suggested to the Ericson United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Ash Hollow Cemetery, Lewellen

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

Ericson United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ Violet "Vi" Brogan Schweitzer

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Violet "Vi" Brogan Schweitzer.



March 11, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Love, Mary, Kathie, Joe & Families & Aunt Marie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Violet "Vi" Brogan Schweitzer.



Love, Mary, Kathie, Joe & Families & Aunt Marie - March 11, 2016 at 08:15 AM




“ The Heutons Al,Sue,Eric,Janelle,Cheryl,Ryan,Jess & Travis purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Violet "Vi" Brogan Schweitzer.



The Heutons Al,Sue,Eric,Janelle,Cheryl,Ryan,Jess & Travis - March 10, 2016 at 06:15 PM

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“ *Deb and family I send my love a prayers at your loss of Vi. I had the pleasure of knowing her over 25 years of having her as a wonderful client. Fixing her up for some of her many adventures with hair and nails in her simple unfussy way! I so enjoyed talking with her always she was always In touch with everything happening in current events, politics to Dancing with the Star's she always knew what she liked and where she stood! I always told her she was my idol and hoped to live a life so full as she experienced. I'm blessed to have know her. * ”

stephanie Simmons - March 10, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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“ *Deb, Jack, Matt, Mandy, Cory, Ali and families. We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. She was an incredible lady, I so enjoyed my visits with her through the years. Cathy and Keith Palmer* ”

Cathy Palmer - March 09, 2016 at 11:33 AM