



Viola Rose Jenik

January 28, 1926 - March 11, 2015

NAME: Viola "Vi" Jenik AGE: 89

RESIDENT OF: Visalia DATE OF DEATH: 3-11-2015

OCCUPATION: PLACE OF DEATH: Visalia

Viola "Vi" Jenik passed away on March 11, 2015 at the age of 89 in Visalia, California. She was born Jan 28, 1926, at home in Monument, Kansas to Fred and Eva WasseMiller. She had two brothers, Levi and Ruben (known as Jack), and three sisters, Goldie, Freda, and Sylvanna; who have all proceeded her in death, along with three brothers-in-law, Sam, Irl, and lupe and one sister-in-law, MaryAnn.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ben Jenik, and their five children; Juanita, Patty, Barbara and her husband JR McNair, les and his wife Donna, and Laurie. She also leaves seven grandchildren; Jopha, Cindy, Joshua, Kleet, Coltan, Benjamin, and Brandon. One grandson, Rowdy, proceeded her in death in 1988. She leaves 6 great grandchildren; Riley, Cole, Jourdan, Adriana, Gregory, and Rebecca. She also leaves behind numerous extended family, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Many of Vi's family and friends will remember her for her beautiful, self-taught, piano playing. She also was a great cook and made the most delicious donuts, pies, and cinnamon rolls. She loved scrapbooking and keeping track

of her family's history, and was still doing that at the time of her passing. Prior to her marriage she taught school at Brownville School in Kansas. She got polio and left teaching in January 1947. After she married Ben Jenik, in August 1947, they lived in Oakley, Kansas and later McDonald, Kansas. In 1958 they moved to Thornton, Colorado and in 1959 to Visalia, California. While raising her family she went back to school at COS in Visalia. She was a substitute teacher for a short time in Visalia. She also worked at Lamp Liter Inn and Josten's Yearbook. Then she went to work for Tulare County. She was the first secretary to learn how to operate the very first (room-sized) computer in the basement of the Tulare County courthouse. Still working for Tulare County, she moved to a secretary position for University Of California Cooperative Extension, where she retired from in 1991.

A memorial service will be held at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia, CA. 10:30 AM on Friday, March 20, 2015. Graveside and burial will be held at the cemetery in Monument, Kansas, April 8, 2015, 11:00 AM, with arrangements by Kennedy Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, Kansas.

SURVIVED BY;

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY;

VISITATION WILL BEGIN

SERVICES: A funeral service will be held Friday, March 20, 2015 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel at 10:30 AM

BURIAL WILL BE AT A graveside service will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 11 AM at Monument Cemetery, Monument, Kansas

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *This beautiful lady will be missed very much. Vi did so much for our WasseMiller Family, tracing our roots and spending so many hours keeping the record up to date, that we are forever indebted to her. She always stayed in touch with us by calling us or in the round robin family letters. So many friends and family have been touched by her love and compassion. We are very sad but yet happy to know she is in her well deserved heavenly home. Thank you Vi for being the best cousin ever. We will keep Ben and your family in our thoughts and prayers. The Jerrold (Jerry) WasseMiller Family of Colorado; Jerry, Lynette, Tonja and Toby and their families. May God bless you all.*

J. WasseMiller - March 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LA

“ *3 files added to the album Mom and Family*



Laurie - March 25, 2015 at 12:55 AM

LJ

“ Viola, "Vi" or Mom as I would call her was my support, sounding board and the best cook on Dove Dr. My childhood memories are filled with all kinds of delicious food, deserts BUT her doughnuts and sticky buns were always at the top of the list. To know my mom could milk a cow, grow a garden, sew, wring a chicken's neck and serve it up for dinner granted her a certain amount of respect. She kept the family heritage alive and connected those of us who could easily fall between the cracks. She was steadfast in her service to her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Mom was comfort, adviser, smart on a wide variety of subjects and my "Little House on the Prairie School Teacher" God blessed her with so many family and friends and she would keep track of them all. Love you and will forever miss your smile. XXOO...
Your youngest daughter, Laurie Jenik-Smith.

Laurie Jenik-Smith - March 19, 2015 at 01:21 AM

SL

“ Vi was a cousin that I always looked up too. She was always concerned and interested in family and our heritage. She will be greatly missed!

Sharon Lynch - March 18, 2015 at 11:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Viola Rose Jenik.



March 18, 2015 at 06:46 PM

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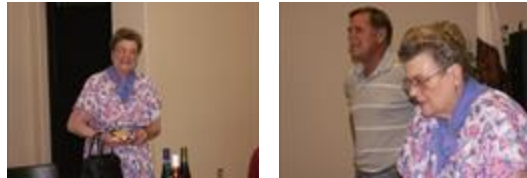
“ I will always have wonderful memories of you while my secretary for Cooperative Extension. I just remember all the help, unending support, fun (and we had a lot of it), and friendship you contributed to my career. You are to be missed - but not in my thoughts..

Steve Sibbett
U.C. Cooperative Extension, Emeritus

Steve Sibbett - March 17, 2015 at 05:24 PM

EB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Edna Blackhurst - March 17, 2015 at 05:04 PM

MB

“ Vi, can't believe you're gone. Enjoyed my visit with you in December. We shared good times and sad times - but we never forgot to talk about our Lord Jesus Christ. You always said such wonderful things about Ben, a wonderful loving husband. You loved your family so much and wanted the best for each of them. They were lucky to have you in their lives.

Goodbye my friend,
Mary Bejarano
Retired from UC Cooperative Extension

Mary Bejarano - March 15, 2015 at 02:56 AM

 Alicia
Unruh

“ *i have many fond memories of Aunt VI. Will miss her.* ”

Alicia Unruh - March 14, 2015 at 03:02 PM