



Violet Franklin

April 2, 1928 - November 16, 2008

Violet T. Franklin, 80, of St. Anne, left this earth to be with Jesus, Sunday (Nov. 16, 2008) at the St. Vincent Seton Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., after a brief illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Father Tony Taschetta will officiate at the funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Teresa's Church in Kankakee. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Violet was born in Chicago, on April 2, 1928, to Charles and Sylvia Vranek Stegmeyer. Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. John and Lorene Franklin of St. Anne, Jeff and Lisa Franklin of Kankakee, Joe and Pam Franklin of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; one daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Mark Russell of West Point, Ind.; and brothers-in-law, Rodney Franklin of St. Anne and Jack Franklin of Florida. Violet has 11 grandchildren. Her parents, sister and husband, Gordon J. Franklin, are deceased. Violet grew up on the south side of Chicago where she attended Kelly High School until she moved with her family to Kankakee where she attended St. Patrick's High School for her senior year. She studied to teach high school biology at Marycrest College of Davenport, Iowa, for one year. She then returned to the Kankakee area where she worked at Montgomery Ward and other local businesses until she met and married innovative farmer, Gordon Franklin from St. Anne. She supported and assisted her husband in his state-of-the-art livestock breeding and feeding operation. Violet bowled on the St. Anne League and was

involved in the Mother's Club of the St. Anne Academy where her children attended. As a devout Catholic, she and Gordon especially enjoyed worshipping with the parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hopkins Park. Violet's most recent membership was at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Kankakee. Violet's strong faith in God set an example to her family and community as she cared for Gordon through 40 years of debilitating multiple sclerosis. She accepted the hardships of life with grace, courage and humor, constantly depending on her deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Her children, grandchildren, other family members and friends will thoroughly miss Vi's generosity and the blessing of her presence in their lives.

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“ Sorry to hear of Vi's passing. She was a friend of my brother Harold Tobenski and I only met her once I believe. It was a day a few years ago when Harold was working on her car at his house. His wife Helen, I, my sister and sister in law were going for our monthly lunch date. We talked Vi into coming along with us and I found her to be a delightful lady and we had a very enjoyable day together. Wished we could have had her along again. My sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Donna (Tobenski) Witheft##imported-end##

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“ God has taken one great LADY. May I, for our Corriveau-Denham family express our deepest sympathy at this time. Vi was one sweet human being, always gracious and charming. Always willing to share her talents, and love with people. I remember today some of the things she taught me over the years. I know you will have peace knowing that she is now resting from this worlds problems. May God be with you all.##imported-begin##Donna (Corriveau) Cole##imported-end##

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“ We want to express our sympathy to your dear family. We understand that Heaven and Vi are rejoicing right now but there is always a void/something missing when our loved ones to go Heaven. Praying that Jesus will give you exactly what you need at this time...knowing that HE will be your strength & peace! We have many wonderful memories of living on the "Franklin Farm" for 17 years.

##imported-begin##Ranelle Eigsti##imported-end##

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“ We met Violet a few years ago when she and Lori brought a dinner to our home. Having known Lori for many years, it didn't take long to see where she got a lot of wonderful qualities.

Losing a loved one is never easy. We hope you all find comfort in the memories you have.

##imported-begin##Kevin, Carol & Chris Port##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Steve Franklin##imported-end##

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“ May you find comfort in Memories. May the remembrance of life you cherished fill all your days with Love. With sincere sympathy from our family to Violet family

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“ You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Betty (Lee) Denault##imported-end##

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“ My Grandma was very caring and responsible. ĩ½She taught me a lot about the natural world and how to care for and respect it. ĩ½To this day I love the outdoors. ĩ½She was very independant, always wanting to do things herself. I cant help but think I got some of my independance from her. ĩ½In times of need she put a roof over my head and made her table and food mine. ĩ½I am very grateful of her influence in my life and will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Dan Franklin##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Karen Bloemer##imported-end##

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“ We are proud to have known Grandma Franklin. ĩ½She kept us updated on the grandkids that we met through Lorene's 4-H Club. ĩ½We will miss seeing her at St. Teresa's. ĩ½##imported-begin##Tami Kacmar##imported-end##

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 *To the Franklin Family,

 From Donald and Maxine Hartman Family you have our sympathy. We lived out on the farm the next road with the long lane. Our mom still lives in St. Anne and she was saying how you and your mom spent time in the Mother's Club at the St. Anne Academy. Your mom was a wonderful lady always know who you were. You all take care and the best to all of you in your lost.

 Old neighbors on the farm

 Lots of good times on the bus

 Donald deceased in Jan. 2008, Maxine

 Donna, Jayne Ann, Pamel and Pixie Hartman##imported-begin##Donald Hartman Family##imported-end##*

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“ *I have been blessed to have both Vi and Gordon touch my life. My parents were dear friends of theirs and my mother was blessed to have developed a sisterhood with Violet. She will be so missed by all of us. Vi and Gordon were blessed to have such a wonderful family surrounding them with love. My prayers are with all of you. ##imported-begin##Mary Stalzer##imported-end##*

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“ I will most miss coming in to Vi's house and being greeted by my little buddy "Frank Franklin" ..Vi was a my moms BFF! and will be missed beyond words. She was like a member of our family and was always a good friend and confident. The one other thing we shared was our Bdays...i would hunt all over for a Bday card for "My Birthday twin" not always easy to find. But we always wished each other a Happy Birthday on our shared day.

Miss and Love you Vi

Peg Stalzer###imported-begin##PEG STALZER###imported-end##

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“ I never knew Violet Franklin, but I knew her talents through her son, Joe.

She truly was an exceptional mother having instilled in Joe some of her best ideologies. May God bless the Franklin family at this time of sorrow. Violet's days will be remembered as a person who loved and cared for her dear family.

With my deepest respect.

Denny Herman###imported-begin##Dennis Herman###imported-end##

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“ So sorry for the loss of your Mother. i ½ We have fond memories of both your parents. i ½###imported-begin##Vicki (Boone) Regnier###imported-end##

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“ Lori,

What a way to contact you again. i¿½So sorry for the loss of your Mom. i¿½I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Hope all else is going well with you and your family. i¿½Send me your address (mail and email) so we can keep in touch.

Lots of love,

Cynde###imported-begin##CYNDE AND MIKE BOUDREAU###imported-end##

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“ To the Franklin Family,

Wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.###imported-begin##Jeff Barr###imported-end##

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