



Viola M. Kientzy

February 17, 1926 - September 27, 2021

Viola Minnie Kientzy of Silex, MO passed away Monday, September 27, 2021, at the age of 95. Viola was born February 17, 1926. She was one of twelve children born to John Diederich Burkemper and Mary Anna Dreisewerd Burkemper. She married Benedict Vincent Kientzy, son of George Martin Kientzy and Clara Miller Kientzy of rural Millwood, on October 5, 1949, at Immaculate Conception Church, Old Monroe, Missouri. They are the loving parents of Steve, Barb, and Rick.

Surviving are three children: Stephen George Kientzy (Janie), Barbara Jean Haines (Rex), and Richard John Kientzy (Donna); seven grandchildren: Stephen Haines Kientzy (Teresa), Gina Bethsheba Harris (Caleb), Benton John Haines (Jessica), Michael Kientzy Haines (Emily), Margaret Ann Kientzy, Henry Richard Kientzy, and Kathryn Ruth Kientzy; eight great-grandchildren: Andrew Stephen Kientzy, Natalie Grace Kientzy, Rylan Jane Harris, Kasen Dean Harris, William Benton Haines, Jackson Benedict Haines, George Scott Haines, and Grant Rex Haines, all of Silex. Viola is also survived by one sister-in-law, Marie Kientzy Kunza of Troy, MO.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Kientzy, her parents, John and Mary Burkemper, Dick's parents, George and Clara Kientzy, and her eleven siblings: Olivia Freise, Leander Burkemper, Coletta Reller, Margaret Reckamp, Louise Holthaus, Martin Burkemper, Pauline Reckamp, Della

Roettger, Mary Ann Lenk, Alvira Roettger, and Ernie Burkemper.

Viola's name has always been a subject that she liked to share. She is Viola, Vi, or Granny to many. Her Old Monroe relatives and friends call her Oakie, a name she gave herself as a toddler. Her middle name has always been a debate. She was named after her godmother, Aunt Minnie Hakenewerth, whose real name is Wilhelmina. On documents, Viola is either Minnie or Wilhelmina because "Pop used both names." So, whatever name God calls her - she will answer.

Viola was a fun, kind, caring lady. She attended Immaculate Conception School at Maryknoll and worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at O'Hare Airport for Douglas Aircraft in Chicago during World War II. When the war was over, she returned to Missouri to work on the Burkemper dairy farm. She caught the eye of Dick Kientzy at a Troy dance. They were married sixty-eight years.

Viola was a member of St. Alphonsus Church and Sacred Heart Sewing Club in Millwood. She loved music, singing, dancing, quilting, TV, cards, candy, coffee, and was always busy babysitting grandchildren. She was great cook. Her molasses candy, chocolate chip cookies, and fried chicken were legendary. Viola was a wonderful wife, mother, relative, friend, and neighbor. She had a pleasant personality, a sweet smile, and friendly word for everyone.

Serving as pallbearers are Stephen Kientzy, Benton Haines, Michael Haines, Hank Kientzy, Drew Kientzy, and Caleb Harris. Honorary pallbearers are Gina Harris, Teresa Kientzy, Maggie Kientzy, Kate Kientzy, Natalie Kientzy, Jessica Haines, Emily Haines, Rylan Harris, and Kasen Harris.

Arrangements through Bibb-Veach Funeral Home: Visitation Friday, October 1, at the St. Alphonsus Church in Millwood from 10:30-2:00, funeral Mass at 2:00, and burial in the St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Rev. Father Charles Tichacek

officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus School Better Together or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Cemetery

Silex, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Millwood, MO

Burial

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Cemetery
Silex, MO

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Millwood, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember going to Viola and Dick's house as a child and when I walked in Aunt Vi was singing "Bye bye Miss American Pie." It made me so happy because she seemed so happy. Viola was very kind, welcoming and she was beautiful. Rest in Peace.

Jeanne Fox - September 30, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Viola M. Kientzy.



September 29, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Viola M. Kientzy.



September 29, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Viola M. Kientzy.



September 29, 2021 at 12:11 PM

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“ *My heart breaks hearing the passing of Viola.
I remember Janie talking the afternoon family get together.
Wonderful memories
Debbie Wiss*

Debbie Wiss - September 29, 2021 at 07:16 AM