



Viola Irene Simmons

August 13, 1944 - October 20, 2023

Viola Irene (Trytten) Simmons, age 79, of Lake Mills, died unexpectedly of natural causes on Friday, October 20, 2023 at her home in Lake Mills.

A funeral service for Viola will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 28 2023 at Salem Lutheran Church, 401 S. Lake St. in Lake Mills, with Ms. Sondra Nelson, lay minister officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 until the service time at Salem Church.

Burial will be in Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills.

Schott Funeral Homes- Mittelstadt Chapel in Lake Mills is assisting the family with arrangements.

Viola Irene Trytten was born on August 13, 1944 to parents Orville and Irene (Trenhaile) Trytten. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, attended country school near Kensett, Iowa, and graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1963. As a child, the thing Viola loved most was having her parents own the Golden Star Roller Rink. She was able to roller skate all summer long.

Following graduation, Viola and some friends moved to Minneapolis where Viola worked for a Mercedes dealership and enjoyed "city life." In the late 1960's, Viola moved back to Lake Mills, and was united in marriage with Jonathan "Lenny" Simmons at Salem Lutheran Church. The couple had two boys: Chad and Nick and have lived in the area ever since.

Viola was a kindhearted person, beautiful inside and out. She loved to take care of others. In her working years, she was an exceptional waitress at area restaurants such as The Maid-Rite, Branding Iron, Buttermaker's, and Max-Seas. She also provided childcare in her home. Viola loved to cook for others and enjoyed having company. Viola was soft-spoken, she collected angels, liked to read, was very faithful, and owned almost everything in the color purple. She could, however, be quite competitive when card games or board games were involved!

She was so proud of her grandsons and had a smile from ear to ear when Axel came over.

She will be missed dearly by her son Nick and his wife Meka Simmons of Emmons, MN; and two beloved grandsons: Axel Jon Simmons of Emmons, MN, and Brandon Ralston (Chad's son) who lives in California. Viola has four siblings: Dean (Beverly) Trytten of Greenville, SC, Twyla (Alain) Pederson of Lake Mills, Karen (Mike) Leidal of Austin, MN, and Pam (Robert) Shivley of Boulder City, NV; many sisters- and brothers-in-law on the Simmons side: Dee Johnson of Forest City, IA, Neil (Tina) Simmons of Pelzer, SC, Kym Greensky of Cloquet, MN, Shelle (Bob) Kovanen of Jacobson, MN, Kevin Simmons of Brooklyn Park, MN, Stewart (Gerri) Simmons of Warba, MN, Sharon Simmons (Nick) of Thompson, IA, Sara Simmons (Glen) of Balaton, MN, and Todd (Susan) Simmons of Grand Rapids, MN. Viola has many nieces and nephews, but some special ones need to be mentioned: Dana Benson, Denise Lensing, Misty Leidal, Tara McElroy, Dana Trytten, David

Meineke, April Harris and Alex McPherson.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; son Chad in 2000; her former husband Jon; her in-laws John & June Simmons; a brother-in-law Dana Simmons; and a nephew Jason Leidal.

Cemetery



**SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY**

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, IA 50450

Events



VISITATION
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Salem Lutheran
Church 401 South
Lake Street, Lake Mills,
IA 50450



FUNERAL SERVICE
11:00 AM

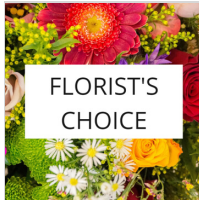
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Tribute Wall



Anonymous

In loving memory of Sweet, Viola. She had a loving heart, kind smile, and giving ways to be remembered always. Love and Friendship; Doug & Susan Olson



"Florist's Choice Bouquet"

was purchased for the family of Viola Irene Simmons

[Tribute Store](#)

Show your support with flowers

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Susan Olson



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was lit in memory of Viola Irene Simmons

[Light a candle](#)

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

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Susan Olson

Sincere sympathy on the loss of dear Viola. She was a special lady with a kind heart and warm smile. Viola will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Lovingly; Doug & Sue Olson (Meka's Mom)

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Meka Simmons

Viola was a wonderful mom, mother-in-law, and best grandma. Always a positive person, big smile, always giving to help in any way she could. We can't say enough wonderful things about Viola. She'll be missed so much and will be forever in our hearts!

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Viola Irene Simmons

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Mittelstadt Funeral Home
