



Viola Bien

November 24, 1918 - May 26, 2018

Viola Elizabeth Bien, 99, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, passed peacefully on May 26, 2018, in Santa Barbara, California. She had been living at Heritage House and being cared for by her daughters, Paula O'Callaghan and Mary Anderson.

Vi was born on November 24, 1918, in Paxico, Kansas, the daughter of Joseph Carl Werner and Rose Meinhardt Werner. She was the third of eleven children. Vi was a graduate of Paxico High School and attended Clark's Secretarial School in Topeka, after which she worked for the State Board of Health and Child Welfare Services for 26 years. In 1942, Vi and Frank A. Bien were married. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and the Women's Fellowship Group. Vi was cherished by her family and all those who knew her. She was a woman of great faith who was devoted to her family.

Vi is survived by her four children, son, Gregory (Marlene); and three daughters, Cindy Hitchcock, Mary Anderson (Tom) and Paula O'Callaghan (Kiernan); 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Rosemary Simons (Jim). Vi was also preceded in death by her son-in-law, Tom Hitchcock.

A rosary will be prayed at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Topeka. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 at the Church. Inurnment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or a charity of donors choice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 9. 9:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

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Tribute Wall



“ *Viola Bien*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I have many wonderful memories of Vi during my days at Washburn. She was a surrogate mother when I needed one, and always a good confidante. I will forever cherish my memories of her friendship, kindness, and hospitality, and my appreciation of her allowing me to be just one of the girls. My sincere sympathy goes to you all. Your mother was a great lady. –Helen Levret Sourk*

Helen Sourk - June 14, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Viola Bien.*



June 06, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ *Viola and my mother grew up together in Paxico and later she and I became neighbors. Offering condolences to the family at this sad time.*

Sandy Lawrence

Sandy Lawrence - June 06, 2018 at 08:15 AM

RM

“ *May the angels welcome her with open arms and shower consolation on her loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember the joys amid your sorrow.*
Ralph and Diana Malott

Ralph Malott - June 05, 2018 at 09:37 AM

MA

“ *Mary, Greg, Cindy and Paula - I've got nothing but wonderful memories of your Mom. She was delightfully kind, positive, and welcoming and there was always a feeling of well-being and happiness every time I was in her presence. I hope those same positive, happy memories sustain you all in these days as you say goodbye. Rest in Peace, Vi. You were greatly respected and deeply loved.*

Mark Anderson - June 04, 2018 at 09:09 AM

MW

“ *Greg - So very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Allan and Marianne Wessel

Marianne Wessel - June 03, 2018 at 06:37 AM

JT

Greg and Marlene- I'm very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

John Taber - June 03, 2018 at 01:20 PM

PD

Sending our love to those who loved Mimi. An angel on earth, now an angel in heaven. So lucky to have had her in our lives!
with love, The Darnall Family

Pat Darnall - June 03, 2018 at 04:32 PM

MK

*Mary and family, sorry to hear that your mom has passed. May it bring you some comfort remembering what a great person she was and what a difference she made in many lives. I will be forever grateful how good she was to us as we were growing up; from letting us camp out in the back yard when we were little girls to driving us to high school. She was one of a kind.
God Bless you all.*

Mary Craney Kraft - June 04, 2018 at 04:33 AM

JA

Hugs boss, sorry for your loss.

Janice - June 04, 2018 at 08:14 AM

MP

Greg, Marlene and family. Sorry to hear about your Mom passing. She was a special mom/lady to many of us during our grade school years. It is said that "Mothers hold their children's hand for a little while... and their hearts forever." Blessing on you and the family. Mike and Johnny Pendergast

Mike and Johnny Pendergast - June 04, 2018 at 01:32 PM

JK

Sending our sympathy and love to the entire Bien family and smiling at the same time as we remember what a delightful lady your mother was! Since Mary and family and Greg and family both lived next door to us, we got to know your mom over the years and she always had a smile for us when we would see her around town! A sweet person cared for and loved by all her family and friends. Oh, the memories you will carry forever. Judy and Terry Kimes

Judy Kimes - June 04, 2018 at 09:31 PM

LH

Greg, to you and all the family our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss.

Larry & Sonya Herbers

Larry Herbers - June 06, 2018 at 12:02 PM

JC

*Greg, Cindy, Mary, & Paula,
I loved my Aunt Vi so much. She could do anything, and her energy
was legendary. She was one of my heroes.
Jan*

Jan Collier - June 06, 2018 at 07:05 PM

BM

*Paula and family,
Heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you today.
Mike and Bev Morris*

Bev Morris - June 09, 2018 at 07:29 AM