



## Violet "Vi" Meier

November 25, 1925 - September 4, 2009

Violet "Vi" Marie Meier passed peacefully to her heavenly home Friday, Sept 4, 2009 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her children, Matthew J. Meier, KC, MO; Patricia Russell "Greg" of Olathe, KS and Lauri Summers, of Shawnee. She was blessed to have five grandchildren, Rhiannon Meier, Beth Russell and Adam, John and Kyle Summers. She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Francis "Lucky" Meier, and was also preceded in death by her precious eldest granddaughter, Rhiannon Meier, in Dec. 2007.

Violet Marie Ward was born to Ada Raker and Glen Ward on November 25, 1925 in rural IL. She grew up in a large family of siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Her siblings, Gale, John, Donald, Herbert, and Jack all preceded her in death, some in childhood others in adulthood. She loved to reminisce about the days spent in her hometown of Bryant, IL especially describing the very special large family gatherings. She spoke often of her mothers "Victory Garden" that the family tended during WWII. Vi treated her family and friends to amazing "Victory Garden" macaroni salad for many many years. Vi will be remembered as being vivacious, fun loving, ornery, and loved giving gifts to her family and friends often from QVC.

Violet graduated from Peoria High School, Peoria, IL and went to work at Camp Ellis in South Carolina during the war. She met Francis "Lucky" Meier

while he was stationed at Camp Ellis. They married Feb 7th 1944 and ten days later he was deployed to the European Theatre until Dec 1945. After the war Lucky and Vi eventually settled in Topeka, KS where they raised their family. They were active in their parish Holy Name Catholic Church and supported the activities of their children as they attended the parish school and Hayden High School.

Vi was employed at BC&BS and retired in 1992 after 24 years of service. She continued to stay in contact with many co workers and friends even after moving to Olathe in 1996. She spent several happy years watching her grandchildren grow up and often said "these were the best years of my life". She was especially proud at the age of 76, to attend her granddaughter Rhiannon's graduation from Stanford University in 2002.

Visitation and rosary will be held at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, Topeka, KS today, Sept 6th from 6 to 8 p.m., rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mater Dei Holy Name, Topeka, KS Tuesday, Sept 8, at 12:00 p.m.

The family would sincerely like to thank the Odyssey Health Care Hospice and The Olathe Good Samaritan Staff.

# Tribute Wall



“ Violet "Vi" Meier

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Chip, Patti,Lauri and families,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was always so much fun to be around. She and your dad told us so many funny wonderful stories. I know mom was glad she was able to be with you all last week. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Brian, Kim(Werth), Nicole and Zach Stejskal

Kimberly Stejskal(Werth) - September 13, 2009 at 07:55 PM



“ Lauri and family, I am sorry to hear about your mom. I wish you comfort in your memories of her for I'm sure this is a difficult time for all of you. God Bless you all. Barb

Barb DeWalt - September 08, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ Chip and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss.

Debbie Worland Boos - September 08, 2009 at 03:06 PM

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“ Chip, Patti & Lauri and families,

*I am so sorry on the loss of your mom and grandmother. I know she will be missed and hope that the many memories will give you comfort.*

*Just know that there are many praying for you all as you grieve her passing. I know she was greeted with the open arms of the Good Lord, Lucky & Rhiannon and all those that have passed before her.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Susan*

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**Susan Swalwell** - September 07, 2009 at 10:38 AM

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“ *I have been blessed to be a part of the Meier extended family through my friendship with Vi's daughter Lauri and her three wonderful sons. I will always remember Vi as being central in the lives of her children and her grandchildren. She welcomed me as part of their wonderful family and I was blessed. She has left a wonderful legacy through her family and the joys she bestowed upon them. Rest peacefully, dear Vi...we will think of you always.*

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**Michelle Fox** - September 07, 2009 at 10:32 AM

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“ *Remembering all the good times I had with Vi and sending my condolences and sympathy to her family.*

*Barbara Stevens*

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**Barbara Stevens** - September 06, 2009 at 08:45 PM