



## Viola Kalina

February 23, 1929 - February 21, 2012

Viola Jean Star was born February 23, 1929, to Bob and Christine (Dynda) Star at their home in rural Lowry, MN. As a young girl, Vi attended country school with her two sisters Janet and Betty, and her future husband Jerry. She graduated from Glenwood High School. She earned her teaching certificate and taught in a one-room schoolhouse near Glenwood until her marriage. On June 20th, 1950, she married Jerry Kalina. They lived in Glenwood, Ironwood (MI), Brainerd, and Aitkin. They moved into their Wadena home in 1954 where they joined Immanuel Lutheran Church. Vi and Jerry raised their family in faith and love. Vi loved camping at the lake and spending time with her family and friends. She was famous for her meatballs, chicken and dumplings, spaghetti, rice krispie bars, apple slices, and countless delicious creations. Vi was active in the VFW Auxiliary, church and Bible study groups, coffee club, card groups, and volunteering in the community. She loved to work as a substitute teacher for area school districts, and was affectionately known as "Mrs. Kalina from Wadena". Surrounded by her family, Vi passed away on February 21, 2012 at the age of 82, at her home in Wadena. She will be deeply missed by her loving and devoted husband of 61 years, Jerry, and by her 6 children and their spouses, 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren: Terry and Tami Kalina of Perham, and family Aaron, Matthew, Jacob, and Nicholas; Kristy and Bryce Hoime of Edmore, ND, and family Brandon, and Katie; Cindy and Dean Uselman of Wadena, and family Dustin, Darcy, David and Stephanie, Jaidyn, and Avery; Bob and Shirley Kalina of Perham, and family Bobby, Abby, and

Amber; Mark and Sharon Kalina of Perham, and family Adam, Amy and Chris Braddock, and Connor; Todd and Heidi Kalina of Perham, and family Ryan, Grace, Joshua, and Faith; sister Janet "Hon" and Joe Koubsky and sister Betty Chan, both of Glenwood; along with a host of friends. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on February 24, 2012 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Marilyn Breckenridge presiding. Honorary pallbearers were all of Vi's granddaughters. Active pallbearers were all of Vi's grandsons. Burial was in Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Met you once in 1977 and you treated me like family. Will never forget that. I remember it like it was yesterday.*

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**Chris** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *I was sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I always admired her. Your family pictures were wonderful and I'm sure you will cherish the many memories of your mom.*

*With Sincere Sympathy,  
Lin Olson Winger*

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**Linette (Lin) Olson Winger** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *We wish to extend our sympathies to you Jerry and your children. Your children were always so fun to baby sit. They were brought up well. Vi was also a good friend and every time we ran into each other we had a hug for each otehr. She will be deeply missed. May you all be in the care of the Lord and enjoy your fond memories of your wife/Mom. Lovingly, Sandi & Barry*

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**Sandi Pratt** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *A note of sympathy to the Kalina family: I greatly appreciated knowing Vi- Each time I would see her, she'd be so very welcoming, with a warm smile and a friendly sincere greeting. May she rest in peace and may her memory live in your hearts.*

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**Judy Vierkant Ament** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I REMEMBER HER FROM SCHOOL MANY YEARS AGO. I AM SORRY TO HEAR SHE LEFT SO YOUNG. I RECOGNIZED HER FROM THE PICTURE SO I READ TO FIND OUT WHO SHE WAS. YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS  
WHAT A NICE LADY

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**SCOTT KERN** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Mark and Sharon and extended family,*

*Terribly sorry to hear of your loss. Vi was a remarkable woman--I have fond memories of her and remember her kindness in making us orange julius' after heated games of hoops in your driveway. Even in the midst of this tremendous loss, I hope you'll find plenty of time to celebrate her life. What a wonderful and caring woman she was--I'm sure all of heaven is rejoicing now that she is home.*

*Godspeed in your healing.*

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**David Hunnicutt** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Jerry, Kids, Grandkids, and All,  
Many fond memories of times past...picnics, neighborhood gatherings, year round basketball games in the Kalina driveway, kick the can, and best of all...always an open door. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to a caring and loving family. God bless you!*

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**Mike and Karen Mueller** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Mark and family, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers and best wishes go with you always. Your Friend Gary*

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**Gary Senske** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *what a wonderful lady. her smile and laughter could fill a room and bring a smile to everyone in it. what a legacy! you who called her family are blessed. she will live on in our heart. rita*

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**Rita&Mike Keenan** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God wrap his arms around you and give you strength and comfort during this very difficult time. She was a beautiful woman in every way. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and the rest of the family. We know she will be dearly missed.*

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**Ron & Jeanette Stoen** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear of Vi's passing. She was always so friendly and kind to us. We are unable to attend her funeral but know that we are there in mind and spirit. May she rest in peace!!*

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**Dave & Florence Hvezda** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our prayers and sympanthies are with you at this difficult time. So soory to hear about Vi, take comfort in knowing she is at a better place.*

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**Tom and Renae Hills** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Kalina family,  
I have very fond memories of Vi - Her extraordinary kindness toward everyone, her giving nature, her laughter and her compassion for helping others. She always made me feel welcome when I'd stop by. She was a wonderful lady!  
May the Lord wrap His comforting arms around you today.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Love,  
Marlena

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**Marlene Walters** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I was so sorry to hear about Vi. I will miss her jolly and infectious laugh. She had a wonderful sense of humor. I see more and more of her in her daughter Cindy every year. Jerry, you will be in my prayers as you go thru this period of grieving. I truly understand. God Bless you and all of your family. Love, Pat & Bob Guler

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**Patricia Guler** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Vi was such a kind, sweet lady. She had a quick laugh a easy smile. We are thinking of all of you.

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**Jill Wanous (Uselman)** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I will always remember Vi's beautiful and welcoming smile. She was truly a wonderful and caring person.

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**Mary Rousslang** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *And may all your good memories be a comfort to you.*

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“ *All our memories of Vi are fond ones. I don't remember a time in her presence that she wasn't fun to be around. What a grand lady!*

*We remember the trips to Concordia football games braving all kinds of weather. We remember helping to paint the house in Moorhead and all the good food Vi kept us fortified with.*

*We have many good memories of Vi but mostly we remember her deep love for and devotion to her children, grandchildren and Jerry.*

*Since we're still in Tx, we're sorry to miss being with the family and the celebration of Vi's life.*

*May God bless all of you.*

February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vi was a wonderful person and a great mother, she will be deeply missed!*

**Leanne and Ray Buettner** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Jerry and family.*

**Joan Marquardt** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Vi. She was a wonderful lady. We will miss her so much. She always had a smile and kind words. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. We are sorry we won't be able to make the funeral. She is in a better place now.

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**Cathy Woods** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Sorry we won't be able to be with you - Vi was a good friend to me - we had a lot of fun visits. We are thinking of you.

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**Gladys Hansen Chase** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ We wish to extend our sympathy to Jerry and family. We will remember Vi for her friendly smile and gracious manner. May God bring comfort to each of you.

*Paul & Mavis*

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**Paul & Mavis Eiswald** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM