



Viola "Vi" J. Buchholz

June 8, 1930 - July 15, 2014

Viola "Vi" L. Buchholz, 84, of Murphysboro passed away at 8:07 AM Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Century Assisted Living in Carbondale.

Viola was born on June 8, 1930 to Don White and Beulah (Abernathy) White in Cahokia, IL.

She started working as switchboard operator for A.T.T. in St. Louis and had volunteered at the Granite City chapter of the Salvation Army, when they had lived in Granite City. She also had worked for three years for the Lustour Corp. in Murphysboro.

Vi married Clifton "Cliff" Buchholz on April 7, 1951 at the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, and he survives.

Mrs. Buchholz joined the United Methodist Church at Murphysboro in 1996.

She was preceded in death by three brother Donald, Albert, and Hollie White and her parents.

Other survivors include several nieces and nephews including Donna McCann, David White, Mike White, Richard White and Mary White; Elaine Ude, Karen Davis, and Arlen D. White; and Diane Gartland, David White, and

Dan White;

one sister in law and her husband Shylana and Byron Lightfeldt of Herrin and their daughter Brenda Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro with Rev. Larry Gilbert and Rev. Earl Renshaw officiating and entombment will be at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pettett Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until the hour of services at 11 a.m. Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church or to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola "Vi" J. Buchholz*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Vi's passing. Please accept our sympathy and prayers during this difficult time.*

Elmer and Sandy McRoy - July 16, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ *I first met Vi in 1989, where we both shared a room at St Joe's and we were friends ever since. I have always enjoyed talking to her probably every week at Kroger since that first day we met. She was a great lady and will be missed dearly by all who knew her. I will miss seeing her and Cliff grocery shopping together after church on Sunday. Cliff you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bill and Lori Wilson - July 15, 2014 at 10:59 PM

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As a child I will always remember my Aunt Vi as happy & kind. My mother Shylana Rose Buchholz married my father Leon Ray Smith & I was born. Spending summers on my grandmother Rosa W Buchholz family farm in Murphysboro Illinois & spending time with my mother's brother Clifton Buchholz & his wife Viola Buchholz was a treat for me in Granite City also. Aunt Vi & I would wake up every morning to make blueberry muffins together. I still think of her everytime I have blueberry muffins to this day. She let me cook with her, sew with her & we went for walks in Granite City, Illinois. She had a beautiful collection of music boxes of which I even started my own collection. Aunt Vi was like a loving mom to me during these times yearly. Always loving, kind & showing me by example what being a good person was. My mother Shylana met my Aunt Vi while working as a telephone operator. Vi & my mother's brother Clifton Buchholz met after & married. Uncle Cliffie & Aunt Vi had a wonderful life together in Murphysboro & Granite City & I will miss her dearly. Niece, Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith - September 06, 2024 at 05:41 AM