

*One day, I took with me along the subway,
 my high silk hat. My high silk hat.
 I laid it down upon the seat beside me.
 My high silk hat. My high silk hat.
 A big fat lady came and sat beside me.
 My high silk hat. (Splat)
 My high silk hat. (Splat)
 Christopher Columbo, what do you think of that?
 A big fat lady sat upon my hat!
 My hat she broke! Now what's the joke?
 My hat she broke! Now what's the joke?
 Christopher Columbo, what do you think of that?*



In Loving Memory Of Viola "Vi" Homiston

Born to Bert and Myrtle (Thompson) Patterson
 April 2, 1929 ~ Buffalo, South Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
 October 14, 2022 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Visitation

Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm
 Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel
 Watford City, North Dakota

Prayer Service

Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm
 Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel
 Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Services

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm
 Wilmington Lutheran Church
 Arnegard, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Garrett Gudmunsen

Music

Patti Hovde

Casketbearers

Dusty Pedersen	Shane Homiston	Jason Homiston
KC Homiston	Cory Homiston	Jay Olson

Ushers

Phil Moen	Donnie Leiseth
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Final Resting Place

Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Watford City, ND



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Viola "Vi" Homiston

April 2, 1929 - October 14, 2022

Viola Mae Patterson was born April 2, 1929 in Buffalo SD to Bert and Myrtle (Thompson) Patterson. At the age of one, Vi and her family moved to Bowman, ND. She grew up there and graduated from Bowman High School in 1947. She attended Business College in Spearfish, SD and later returned to Bowman to work for her dad at the Ford garage in town.

Vi met Ernie Homiston at a dance near Bowman. It was love at first sight. They were married on May 28, 1949, less than two months after meeting. They moved to Dickinson, ND and started their family. Mick was born in 1950. Sixteen months later, Tim was born and Rhonda came shortly after. Vi was a very busy mom.

Because of Ernie's oilfield jobs, the Homiston family moved around a lot during their early years. They lived in Ray, Tioga, Wolf Point, Glendive and Westhope. They finally settled down in Watford City in 1960, where they continued to raise their family. While in Watford City, Vi worked at Frazee's Clothing store for many years. It was always questionable whether or not she made any money while working there because she loved buying clothes for herself and her daughter, Rhonda. Her favorite trick was to buy something and then hang it in the back of her closet. She would wait to wear it for a month or two. Then when Ernie would ask if the item was new, she could honestly say "Oh no, I've had this for a long time".

In 1970, Vi, Ernie, Rhonda, and grandson Dusty moved to Gillette, WY. They moved again, this time to Newcastle, WY before finally settling in Arnegard, ND. There they bought Blanche's Bar

and renamed it Hommie's Bar. They ran the bar until 1978 and Ernie went back to work in the oilfield. Ernie passed away in November of 1992. After Ernie's passing, Vi moved to Bowman to be closer to her siblings. In October 2002, she married Henry (Boots) Erickson. They enjoyed three years together before Boots passed away. In 2008, Vi moved into the Horizons in Watford City and then into the Good Shepherd Home in 2015. She lived there until the day of her passing at the age of 93.

Vi loved to sing and dance. She was a fierce competitor, especially when it came to playing golf, card games, and trivial pursuit. She watched Jeopardy daily and could compete with the best of the contestants. Vi loved having her family around, especially her little grandkids. She loved to tell stories and teach them fun songs. We will miss her beautiful smile and warm heart.

Viola Mae Homiston, 93, passed away on October 14, 2022 at the Good Shepherd Home surrounded by her loving family.

Vi is survived by her sons Mick (Gayle) Homiston of Dickinson, ND; Tim (Jean) Homiston of Arnegard, ND; son-in-law Bill Pedersen of Gillette, WY; and sister Gerri Solberg of Grand Forks. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and a nephew.

Vi was preceded in death by her husbands, Ernie Homiston and Boots Erickson, her daughter Rhonda, her parents, one sister and six brothers.

