

Feel no guilt in laughter, she knows how much you care. Feel no sorrow in a smile that she's not here to share. You cannot grieve forever, she would not want you to. She hopes you can carry on, the way you always do. So talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared. The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared. Let memories surround you. A word someone may say will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day that brings her back as clearly as though she was here. And fills you with feelings that she is always near. For if you keep these moments, you will never be apart and she will live forever, locked safe within your heart.

- Author Unknown



In Loving Memory Of Violet "Vi" Ronningen

**Born to Julia Marie (Christensen)
and Niels Peter Oversen**
September 8, 1927 ~ Sidney, Montana

Peacefully Passed Away
February 16, 2024 ~ Sidney, Montana

Funeral Services
Friday, February 23, 2024 at 11:00 am
First Lutheran Church ~ Savage, Montana
Luncheon to Follow

Officiating
Pastor Tim Tharp

Casketbearers
Nathan Church Pam Wagner Laurie Nelson
Heather Ronningen Nathan Diede Renae Iversen

Honorary Casketbearers
Vi's Beloved Great-Grands,
Great-Great-Grands, Friends, and Caregivers

Ushers
Don Mastvelten Gary Nelson

Music
Lori Utter, Vocalist Synneva Meldahl, Organist

Final Resting Place
Riverview Cemetery ~ Savage, Montana

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Sidney, Montana

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During the early evening, on February 16, 2024, Violet "Vi" Marie (Oversen) Ronningen passed on after a long battle with deteriorating health at the Sidney Health Center- Extended Care Facility.

Violet was born on September 8, 1927, at home on a farm near Sidney, Montana, the youngest of seven children to Niels Peter Oversen and Julia Marie (Christensen) Oversen.

She would smile and tell stories of when she was very young and babysat the Bosshard girls. Then, while still a young girl attending Ridgelawn School, she would walk home and tackle the chores, caring for livestock and toting firewood to the house, among many other jobs. Not a burden, just something that needed to be done.

Later, after the family relocated to a farm in Savage, she told of how her and the Kimball girls would short hoe sugar beets on their knees and then hand top those same beets in the fall and load them by shovel on the wagons as teenagers.

She worked many jobs in her lifetime to support her family. She worked the lunch counters at Woolworth, Lalonde Hotel, Ben Franklin, and others. She was a nurse's aide at the Sidney Hospital and Nursing Home. All through life, she was a masterful sewer, from making western

shirts for her older brothers when young to clothing and dresses for her children and others. Some very happy years came when she worked as a seamstress for the Dasinger Brothers Cleaners. After finally retiring, she still kept sewing at home. Even while recovering from a broken hip and replacement surgery, she insisted on crocheting many stocking caps for gifts to the SHC newborns.

Her older brothers and sister were very close, and they often visited and got together. Overheard conversations usually centered around the youthful antics of farm children with vivid imaginations. Eventually they all grew up and got older and wiser.



After graduating from Savage High School in 1945, she naturally went to work. Eventually in 1946, she met and married Allan Ronningen and to that marriage were six children: Ron (Betty) Ronningen of Billings, MT, Donna (Keith) Nelson of Savage, MT, Herb Ronningen of Colstrip, MT (deceased), Bob (Janice) Ronningen of St Augustine, FL, Judy Church of Billings, MT, and Gene Ronningen of Savage, MT.

They farmed north of Sidney and eventually settled in Savage, MT. Later in their lives, Violet and Allan divorced. Violet kept anchored in

Savage and lived there most of her life until deteriorating health and mobility led her to the Extended Care Facility in Sidney, MT.

Mom is survived by all her children, excluding Herb; her dear sister-in-law Lorna Oversen, Laurel, MT; 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents; twin 2 month old brothers Herbert and Robert (whooping cough 1918) of Brorson, MT; siblings Herb (1943) of Savage, MT, Robert (Lorna) (1996) of Laurel, MT, Rose Considine of Savage, MT (2001), and Donald (2014) of Miles City, MT; her son, Herb in 1993 which devastated her; grandson Daniel Church; granddaughter Robyn; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and cousins. These passings weighed very heavily on her weakened heart.

Her family is deeply grateful for all those who were there for her, including the home nurses and Adeline Liesener that allowed her to stay at home for so long, and her care doctors and nurses. Special gratitude to the nurses and staff of Sidney Health Center Extended Care. God's angels, with difficult jobs, one and all.

