

Viola was born December 19, 1914 on a homestead north west of Cathay, ND to Ingvold and Hanna Gedrose. She grew up in the Carrington and Cathay area where hard work was a shared way of life. At age four, she collected eggs and fed chickens. By age six, she milked the cow morning and night. When she was age ten she and a brother plowed the fields by horse and team. She was able to complete the eighth grade of country school before leaving home to support herself at age thirteen.

Viola worked for her board and room as a cooks helper and housekeeper in the Carrington ND area. She moved to Sidney in the fall of 1933 where she was employed as a housekeeper for two years before going to work at Turner's Café.

In the fall of 1941, Viola was united in marriage to Lawrence Delaney by the Justice of the Peace in Glendive, MT. On February 15, 1946 they renewed their marriage vows at Saint Philomena's (now Saint Matthews) Catholic Church in Sidney. They had five children, four sons and one daughter. She was a devoted wife and mother. Family and friends were important. There was always cookies in the cookie jar and coffee in the pot. Her home was referred to as "Grand Central Station" where everyone was greeted with a smile. Those of us who knew and loved her are richer for the experience.

When her husband of twenty five years passed away in 1966, Viola went to work at the Elks Lodge in Sidney and later worked five years at the sugar beet factory. She worked as a housekeeper in the rectory at Saint Matthew Catholic Church for nineteen years until her retirement on June 27, 1996 at age 81.

Viola remained a member of Saint Matthews after moving to Great Falls in 2000 to live with her daughter. She was a member of the Christian Catholic Women's Society, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Ladies Elk Lodge. She enjoyed playing cards, going to bingo, visiting with people, working in her yard and canning. In her younger years, she loved going dancing and fishing.

Viola G. Delaney passed into her new life Friday March 4, 2011 at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, MT, due to natural causes.

Survivors include a daughter, Catherine Satra, Great Falls, MT; sons, James (Donna) Delaney, Great Falls, MT, Larry (Dianne) Delaney, Helena, MT and Kay Delaney, Billings, MT; a sister-in-law, Elsie Gedrose, Sidney, MT; twelve nieces and nephews; twelve grandchildren; twenty six great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Delaney; a son, Donald Delaney; sisters, Alva Britton and Inez Laber; brothers, Con, Morris and Kenneth Gedrose; a niece and four nephews.

"I am safe at home in Heaven dear ones where there is perfect joy and beauty in His everlasting light."



*In Memory Of
Viola "Ole" Delaney*

December 19, 1914 ~ March 4, 2011

“I Have a Place In Heaven”

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride.
I have a place in Heaven
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

M. Kesler

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VIOLA "OLE" DELANEY
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
DECEMBER 19, 1914
CATHAY, NORTH DAKOTA
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

MARCH 4, 2011
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

MASS OF THE CHRISTIAN BURIAL
10:00 AM, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
SIDNEY, MONTANA

PRESIDERS

FR JIM O'NEIL *FR NED SHINNICK*
FR GREG STAUDINGER *FR ANTHONY SCHUSTER*

MUSICIANS

LINETTE MILLER *ANDY NELSON*

USHERS

OLE'S NEPHEWS

CASKETBEARERS

DEBRA BURNS *ALISHA BURNS*
KATARIAH SATRA

TAMMY SATRA *KAITLYN SATRA*

HONORARY BEARERS

ALL OF OLE'S GRANDCHILDREN

INTERMENT

SIDNEY CEMETERY
SIDNEY, MONTANA

**Lunch will be served at the Parish Center
following the graveside services**

*You may share your remembrances and condolences with
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website
www.fulkersons.com*