



Viola Gerard

November 3, 1936 - May 15, 2023

Viola "Vi" Gerard, 86, of Carl Junction, Missouri, passed away on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Joplin, Missouri. She was born on November 3, 1936, in Carthage, Missouri, to Leorard Mills and Loreen (Adams) Mills-Thorn. Vi was a long-time resident of Carthage and graduated from Carthage High School before moving to Carl Junction. She owned and operated the Alba Café for several years and later sold real estate in the Carl Junction and Joplin areas. Vi was a long-time member of the Central Christian Center in Joplin.

Viola was united in marriage to Emile Gerard on January 28, 1955, in Carthage; he preceded her in death on February 28, 1981.

Survivors include one daughter, Debra Ann Lovenstein (Jon) of Shell Knob, Missouri; two sisters Leona Gillman (Allen) of Nixa, and Dianna Hales (Bill) of Joplin, Missouri; two grandchildren, Jennifer Kennedy (Jeff) of Carl Junction, and Mark Hales (Shelli) of Gunter, Texas; and six great-grandchildren, Jesse Kennedy, Jeremiah Kennedy, Jillian Kennedy, Alex Hales, Jacob Hales, and Zachary Hales.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Rex Mills, Gary Mills, and Eugene Mills; and two sisters, Iona Aleshire, and Irene Layne.

There will be a graveside service for Vi at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Park Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, prior to the graveside service at the Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri.

Condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
(417) 358-2222
ulmerfh@gmail.com
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Graveside Service

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Park Cemetery
801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Viola I'm real sorry for your lose !! Viola will never be forgotten she is in the heart of everyone ! I loved her very much and I know her sister's Iona , Irene , Leona , an Diana loved ❤️ her with all their hearts !!
May she rest in peace !



Joyce - May 17, 2023 at 12:28 PM

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Joyce - May 17, 2023 at 02:55 AM

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Beautiful. I hated to hear this. Sure wished I had known prayers for her family

Connie Hoggle. Hester Coles. Daughter - May 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM