



## Viola Berning

March 9, 1933 - November 15, 2020

Viola Berning, age 87, of Carroll, died late Sunday, November 15, 2020 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Instrumental music will be by Marcy Anderson. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Mark Berning and Dan Berning. Casket Bearers will be Viola's family. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Those attending the Funeral Mass are required to following social distancing guidelines and face coverings are required.

In lieu of flowers memorials can mailed to Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401 and will be directed to Kuemper Catholic Schools and St. Anthony Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Viola's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Viola was born on March 9, 1933 in Carroll, Iowa, the daughter of Vitus Jacob and Genevieve (Wieland) Schechinger. She was raised on a dairy farm west of Carroll where there were no boy jobs or girl jobs, but jobs that needed to be done. She was educated at St. Peter and Paul Grade School, frequently hitching a ride to school with the milkman. After school she often stopped by aunt Frannie's house and made donuts or went to Grandma Sarah Wieland's

house and played at south side park; then return home to do evening chores. Viola graduated from St. Angela's Academy, was a very popular girl and was active in orchestra and triple trio. Following high school, she went to Chicago for training as a dental assistant. Her first job was with Dr. Gradoville. She tagged along to the Arcadia Legion Hall with her brother Earl where she met a handsome well-mannered man from Breda named Larry Berning. Their romance ensued and they exchanged many love notes when he was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Larry and Viola were married on May 7, 1955 and started their home and family. Like most their beginning was humble, starting in a basement structure that Larry and Uncle Francis constructed themselves. They were parents of 5 children, David, Rick, Mark, Denise, and Dan.

Vi was a devoted mother and spouse. A woman of few hobbies or activities outside the house. She managed a large garden with home canning and deserts for all meals. Her dedication to her family as an educator in the Catholic ways, managing the resources and planning of family vacations and children's activities. She managed her family with 8-9-10 rules, which were the Beatitudes, Vi's cliches and the Ten Commandments. After her children were out of the nest, she worked for American Greeting Cards doing card displays. She was an avid reader and television watcher when she wasn't traveling or fishing with Larry. Her principle objective in life was having peace and happiness, attending daily mass on EWTN, and praying for her children. The last five years Vi was a resident at Swan Place in Carroll. She was a member of St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll where she was a fine vocalist and sang in the choir for many years.

Viola is survived by her five children – David Berning, Rick Berning, Mark Berning and his 4 sons: Joseph, Jacob, Sam, and Andy; Mark's two grandchildren, Benjamin and Elijah; Denise (Mark) Kramoltz and Dan (Deb) Berning and their two children, Danielle and Dietrich; her sister Marvel (Schechinger) Morales and her brother Carl Schechinger; her sister-in-law Betty Schechinger; She is also survived by Larry's sisters: Agnes Tigges and

Mary Ann Janning and his sister-in-law's- Betty Berning and Dorothea Berning. Numerous nieces and nephews. She is survived by special friends Jerry Fleshner and Lynn Humphrey

She is predeceased by her husband Larry in 2001; her parents Vitus and Genevieve Schechinger; Larry's parents W.M. and Anna Berning; her brothers: Earl Schechinger and Don Schechinger.

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ Our moms shared space at Swan Plan for a while. Once when I visited, I sat at a table with my mom, Vi, and a mom of a previous girlfriend. It provided lively table conversation!! Humbling for me....

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**Greg Hackett** - January 07, 2021 at 08:00 PM

JH

“ David, Rick, Mark, Denise and Dan,  
We are very sorry for your loss. We visited with Vi many times, especially with David at his home and at Swan Place when she lived there. Lynne worked as an aide at Swan Place and recalls many times she would be ready to leave her room and would ask, "Vi is there anything else you needed"? The answer back was always the same and came complete with a wry smile, "Yes, I would like a filet mignon". Vi was not a person who would complain, Always polite, always thanking us for coming. She was a person who clearly loved her children, her husband, and family. Simply put, she was a kind and gentle soul. We know that whether you are 6 years old or 60, it is hard to say good-bye. Cherish the memories.  
Jerry Fleshner and Lynne Humphrey

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**Jerry Fleshner & Lynne Humphrey** - November 21, 2020 at 10:55 PM

LG

“ David, Rick, Mark, Denise and Dan  
My thoughts and prayers are going to be with you all tomorrow. I'm sorry we can't be with you in person. David, I thank you for your hospitality when Mom and Dad went to Carroll to visit. Mom would come home and tell us about the nice meals you prepared and the nice visits they were able to have with Aunt Viola because of you. Vi will surely be missed.  
Take Care...Love LouAnn

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**LouAnn Geist** - November 19, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JM

“ *Jacob, Sam & Andy Berning & Kelly Murphy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Viola Berning.*



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**Jacob, Sam & Andy Berning & Kelly Murphy** - November 19, 2020 at 09:55 AM

PB

“ *TO Dave, Rick, Mark, Denise & Dan  
Much sympathy to you in the passing of Vi. I have pleasant memories of watching Hawkeye games with Vi at Dave's house any enjoying Dave's wonderful snacks and food.  
We also were able to share several birthday dinners at a restaurant or that Dave had prepared in years past.  
I now realize how Dave came to have his love for music and his dental career.  
There were times when I would visit Vi at Swan House and learned that she was very grateful for the attention and care Dave was able to provide.  
So Vi - I wish you much happiness in your heavenly home with Larry. You can now fish and enjoy music as much as you wish.  
Pat Beck*

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**PAT BECK** - November 18, 2020 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ *May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem." Fr Scott*

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**Scott A Haynes** - November 18, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JV

“ *Denise & Mark and Family: Our condolences to you and your family for your loss. May all of you find solace in your wonderful memories of your Mom. David & Jackie Valencia*

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**Jackie Valencia** - November 18, 2020 at 12:38 PM

DL

“ *David, Very sorry to hear about your mother. Deepest sympathies from the Lappes.*

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**Doreen Lappe** - November 18, 2020 at 10:44 AM

PM

“ *Dear David - I was very sorry to receive notice of your mom's passing. Her obituary is wonderful - it made me feel like I've known her my whole life.*  
*Your mom was a gift from God to this earth for 87 years. Now God's letting her "can the perfect vegetables" in heaven. "Well done, good and faithful servant..."*  
*Please know that you, your siblings, your relatives, and your mother and father will be in my prayers...*  
*Patti McTaggart*

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**Patti McTaggart** - November 17, 2020 at 09:25 PM

PS

“ *David and family, we are very sorry to hear of your Moms passing. May you all have peace a knowing she's with the Lord and hoping that soon your tears will turn to smiles at all your wonderful memories. You have our deepest sympathy.*



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**Pam Sebring** - November 17, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Viola Berning.*



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November 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Dear cousins- sending you my sympathy for the loss of your mother and my aunt Viola!*

*I remember many holidays with your family at Grandma and Grandpa Schechinger. Never left their house hungry. I wish I could see you guys in person to give you my condolences if it weren't for the virus spreading. Stay safe in your travels and hope to make it to Arizona in March.*

*Cousin Jane*

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**Jane LaBelle** - November 17, 2020 at 03:05 PM