



## Viola Rose Branch

February 25, 1929 - June 22, 2024

Viola Rose Branch, age 95, of Gravois Mills, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024, at her home. She was born February 25, 1929, in Vienna, Missouri, a daughter of the late Ben and Lena (Wieberg) Sandbothe.

On January 2, 1954, in Jefferson City, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband, Robert C. Branch.

She worked as a cook for West Central Missouri Child Care and after moving to the lake, she worked at Children's House for seventeen years and at Head Start for a couple years both in Versailles.

She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie and a lifetime member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary in Gravois Mills.

In addition to her husband, Robert, she is survived by her children, David (Carole) Branch of St. Louis, Missouri, Nina (Michael) Sykes of Oxford, Maine, Diane Ebert of Gravois Mills, Missouri, Pam (Christine Pollard) Branch of Hollister, Missouri, Brenda Ashby of Gravois Mills, Missouri and Terry Branch of Gravois Mills, Missouri; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Sue Mueller of Jefferson City, Missouri, Ginny Henley of Jefferson City, Missouri, Kay (Tom) Ferring of Osage Beach, Missouri, Joe (Betty) Sandbothe of Jefferson City,

Missouri, Quentin (Rose) Sandbothe of Festus, Missouri and Roger (Linda) Sandbothe of Powder Springs, Georgia and many nieces, nephews and loved ones. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Branch and her siblings, Virginia Sandbothe, Ed Sandbothe, Bernie Sandbothe, Felix Sandbothe and Bobby Sandbothe.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 28th, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with celebrant Father John Schmitz. Graveside services and interment will follow in Garber Memorial Estates. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Friday, at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a sweet lady with a huge heart! She will be missed.* ”



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**Tina Hilgar** - June 27, 2024 at 07:47 PM

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“ *As one of the six kids she raised mostly on her own as my dad traveled a lot for work, I know that she was a Dynamo. She was small, all her kids are bigger than her, she had a huge presence. She never let things get her down for long and she enjoyed life to the fullest. She never met a stranger and if something was going on you can bet she was in the middle of it, likely taking charge and keeping everyone in line. She was loyal and giving and she was loved.* ”

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**Nina Sykes** - June 25, 2024 at 12:05 PM

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“ *Shanell Branch lit a candle in memory of Viola Rose Branch* ”



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**Shanell Branch** - June 24, 2024 at 07:30 PM