



Viola A. Yarnell

December 16, 1964 - April 7, 2011

Viola A. Yarnell, age 46, of Jefferson City, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2011, at Jefferson City Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born December 16, 1964, in Boonville, Missouri, the daughter of Gerald and Ilene Sims Yarnell.

Viola worked at Sherwin-Williams as a marketing representative.

She graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 1987. There, she was a member of the Ad Team, and the Delta Sigma Pi Professional Fraternity. In 1985, the fraternity awarded her the “Best Big Brother” award for her outstanding involvement in aiding a future brother. She was also a lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and attended the Glensted United Methodist Church.

Viola enjoyed going fishing with her dad, and making crafts, especially crocheting and string art.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, Gerald and Dorothy Yarnell of Versailles; her brother, Harvey Yarnell and wife Crystal of Versailles; her sister, Rita Simmons and husband Carl of Holts Summit, Missouri; four nieces and nephews; three great-nieces and nephews; her aunt and uncle, Arleen and Ed Lake of Versailles; her aunt, Vivian Akin of Akinsville, Missouri; and many

other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ilene Yarnell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Barry Fielder officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the West Lawn Addition of the Versailles Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Glensted United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Service

APR 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Tribute Wall

CB

“*Viola was such a special person. She loved her family deeply, and was always talking about how excited she was to spend time with them. If she was your friend, she loved you with the same fierce determination--she was incredibly loyal to her friends. The only time I remember her being angry, in fact, was when someone had done something to hurt one of her friends. She was also devoted to her church and to our school--in her eyes, you were supposed to be there and you were supposed to work to make things better--and that's what she did.*

As other people have said, her laughter and her enthusiasm were contagious--she lit up a room as soon as she walked in. She loved being around people and helping them. She went out of her way to help people, but she didn't expect them to thank her for that--that was just what she did.

My greatest memories are of her being at my house--she would just stop by to visit and see if we were all doing "ok". She insisted on driving me to early jazz band practices, because I was on her way to school. Most of the time, I wouldn't be ready when she came by to pick me up, and she would knock on the door of the bathroom and ask, "what's taking you so long?" One of my fondest hopes is that she'll meet me at the gates of heaven, and that she'll ask me "what took you so long?"

I miss you, my sweet, loving friend. I can't wait to laugh with you again.

Carolynn Todd Burbee - April 12, 2011 at 07:53 PM

KL

“ I worked with Viola for a time at the Pizza Hut in Holts Summit. She was a very sweet lady.

Katie Lawrence - April 12, 2011 at 11:47 AM

RH

“ As the hospice nurse that helped care for Viola in the last few weeks of her life, I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to meet and care for her. Viola always managed to smile even when it didn't seem like it was possible. Though I didn't know her over the years, it was apparent in the short time that I knew her that she was a very loving, gentle, and kind person and I know she will be greatly missed by many.

*With deepest sympathy,
Rhonda Hall*

Rhonda Hall - April 12, 2011 at 09:51 AM

WS

“ Viola was proud to be a Versailles Tiger! She represented Morgan Co R-II proud in band and concert choir. She loved to sing. She had many talents - gardening, sewing, crocheting, and making the best no bake cookies ever! She and I rode bikes a lot around the neighborhood as children, did homework (Well, she tried to make me do it. I was always ready to do something else...), listened to music, and discussed sports. She sure did love her car. She also enjoyed choir and youth activities at the Methodist church. I have a lot of memories of Viola and they always involve her doing her best and having fun at the same time. God Bless You - Viola.

Wendy Slagle Sheehan - April 11, 2011 at 09:20 PM

TV

“ Viola was a fun and loving person! Always smiling and cheerful! I attended Southwest MO State with her and was her "Big Brother" in the Professional Fraternity Delta Sigma Pi. I still live in Central MO and had run into Viola over the years, she was always positive and upbeat! So sorry for your lose. With deepest sympathy



Theresa Colozza Verslues

Theresa Colozza Verslues - April 11, 2011 at 09:10 PM

AL

“ I took care of Viola in the nursing home. I wish I would have been able to have known her before she came here. She was my ray of life. I loved her chessey smile she would give me when I came on to the unit. She always knew when I was having a bad day. She would wheel herself into the nurses station with me even though she was not allowed and kick my chair till I turned around and gave her some attention. We would sing Patsy Cline songs together, say nursery rhyems and I just talked to her about my general day. I miss her so much at work now. There towards the end even when she hurt the most she would still smile for me. I'm gonna miss "my Vi."



To the family I just wanted you to know even though she was in the nursing home and was so sick, she made people smile everyday. Not alot of people can say that about anyone. She was my favorite resident EVER. And I truely do miss her and loved her. The only heartfelt words I can give you is Viola is in a better place where there is no pain or suffering. Which makes my heart fill better just thinking about that.

God Bless

Amanda Sue Gray LPN - April 11, 2011 at 07:26 PM

LF

“ Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Viola's life. Your care and love for her when she could no longer care for herself, is a tribute to her whole family. She taught me a great deal, and because of her, I learned and, in turn, used that knowledge to help others. Her life has benefitted more that you will ever know. May God enfold her in His loving arms and grant you peace and comfort.

Lory Feeler

Lory Feeler - April 11, 2011 at 05:31 PM

MD

“ *Viola's laugh was contagious and when you heard it, you knew she was in the room. She was a very caring person who will be greatly missed*

Marsha Daniels - April 11, 2011 at 05:12 PM

SH

“ *Viola's smile is what I remember. Seemed she had one on her face everyday. She was a very upbeat and cheery person. Viola use to send me Christmas cards each year with a little handmade gift in it.*

Sonseeray Houchens Henderson - April 11, 2011 at 03:24 PM

ML

“ *Most of my memories of Viola include laughter. She was funny and so enjoyed making others laugh. No English paper could survive her edits and she so enjoyed band, choir and spending time at church.*

I send her family my condolences and know that Viola is at peace in heaven.

Mary Lou Eldridge Lang

Mary Lou Lang - April 11, 2011 at 07:50 AM

 Connie Chamberlain

“ *Viola was my best friend in high school and was one of the very first to welcome me to Versailles when I moved there when we were both in 4th grade. She was extremely loyal and I don't think there was anything she wouldn't do for a friend or anyone in need. My memories of time spent with Viola include riding with her in her blue Gremlin (she got her license WAY before me - [6 months!]), working on homework at her house, being in band together, and working on class floats and prom. She was very involved at school and loved music.*

Rest in peace, dear Viola.

Connie

Connie Chamberlain - April 10, 2011 at 12:28 PM