



Violet Saxon

April 26, 1918 - December 29, 2011

VIOLET SAXON, 93

Our favorite "lady in red," passed away peacefully on December 29, 2011, at Manor Care in Kingsford, Michigan. Vi was born on April 26, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois, to William and Lillian (Freewald) Kasen. She married the love of her life, Dalbert, (Bert) of Iron Mountain, who preceded her in death exactly 18 years to the day, December 29, 1993.

She will always be remembered for her ability to see the best in everyone and her "zest for life" was most often displayed by wearing the color red every day. In fact, many times she remarked, that at her funeral "whoever attends better show up wearing red!"

Vi's secret to a long life was to live it with joy – and a little brandy for a nightcap.

She is survived by her son, Dalbert, (Butch) of Omro, Wisconsin, daughter, Olivia Bradley and husband Mike, (her # 2 son) of Andover, MN, grandchildren Bruce, Mike (wife Heather), Brian, Sarah, Matt and Chris and great-grandchildren Andy, Mike, Austin, Hannah and Abby, numerous nieces and nephews (and special nephew Rob and his wife Kris) who lovingly helped her in so many ways.

Friends may call from 10am until 11am Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The memorial service to celebrate Vi's life will be held on January 11, 2012 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 11:00 AM. Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Violet Saxon may be expressed online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *I remember my mom talking about Vi Saxon and her long, red polished nails when Vi lived in Winona, MN. She made quite an impression on the little Renstrom neighbor girl. So sorry for your loss.*

- Lenora Thompson

Lenora Thompson - September 05, 2022 at 03:15 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Vi Saxon. Vi was always a most pleasant and engaged lady to be around. We got to know her when she would visit Minnesota, mostly at the Bradley family cabin on Lake Minnetonka. Those gatherings were usually well-attended and busy events and Vi maintained a serene presence at the center of them, most recently Little Christmas Eve, 2011. She lived a fine life and will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.*

The DeVeau's, Melinda & Tom, Jim & Ben

Tom DeVeau - Orono, MN - Family Friend - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ One of our favorite memories was when Vi was here and we went out on our pontoon boat for the day.....she so loved that! I am so thankful that "The Lady In Red" came into our lives.....we had many happy times with her both at our house and her's....also enjoyed our day at the casino last yr....she was happy playing those slots.....She was a very dear person and touched our hearts in many ways.....We loved her and we will miss her.....our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.....She is now with the love of her life to start a new chapter together in heaven.....Bonnie & Jr

Bonnie & Jr - Omro, WI - friend - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Vi was a beautiful lady inside and out. We feel privileged to have been included in many Bradley family events, which allowed us to meet and be with Vi on a regular basis. Her loving positive attitude about life and people, her wonderful smile and cheerful conversation, the way she could make everyone feel special, and the dash of sass that made her such a delight to be with. She was truly one-of-a-kind.

When my mother passed in 1987, I considered Vi my substitute Mom, even though she may not have known this. I always told Olivia, I hope I can be just like Vi as I age. With each year she became more beautiful and precious-like a dazzling ruby that gets more valuable the longer you have it.

Our family will miss Vi incredibly, but memories of her will remain in our hearts forever, and we will try to exemplify in our daily lives the wonderful example she set for us.

Knowing that Vi is in paradise with Our Saviour and her Bert provides us comfort. We know how deeply she will be missed by the entire family, and our sympathy and prayers are with all of you.

Love, Larry, Pam, and Sam Berg

Larry and Pam Berg - Coon Rapids, MN - friends - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Vi was such a lovely lady and always such fun to visit with during the holidays. She will always remain in the hearts of all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Linda

Linda Woolson - Coon Rapids, MN - Friend of Mike and Olivia - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ We first met Granny Red when Mike & Heather became engaged. She was loving, caring, authentic, open & loved our daughter as much as we did. She made us feel like family from the start. (Example): When we were planning the wedding of Mike & Heather, She served us lunch her style on paper plates but told us not to tell Tootsie. We enjoyed all of our visits with her. She was so open & transparent. She was in Tn. for the birth of our Grandaughter. She was a real trooper & said she would not miss it for anything even though Hannah was a little slow in arriving. She was so proud of Heather & Mike and the fact she lived long enough to see those Great Grandaughters. We loved her very much & enjoyed every minute we spent with her at home, hospital, nursing home, & on other family outings. She once said that Rich would be all right for a husband as long as he could drive! All of our gandchildren referred to her as Granny Red. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love: Rich & Helen.

Helen & Rich Patrow - Andover, MN - Parents of Heather Bradley - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We wanted to write a note expressing our deep sympathy and sadness over the passing of Auntie Vi' as we affectionately called her. She was my mom's best friend and even after mom passed away in 2006 we kept in touch with Auntie Vi.

Ironically her and my dad were at Manor Care together. We last got to see her in November when we were in Iron Mountain and we had a nice chat.

She was a special lady and we wanted to share a few of our special memories of her.

When our grandbaby Madi was born Auntie Vi knitted her a blankie. My mom also knitted a blankie but Madi loved Auntie Vis. I must admit mom was a tad jealous. Tee- hee. Madi is now 11 and her blankie is a few strings in a ziploc bag. That is how much it was cuddled and loved.

Also in October of 2006 when mom was very sick and in ICU everyone who visited had to wear a mask. The Dr. mistakenly thought she had TB. Each time someone would come in with the mask you could see the sadness in mom's face.

That is until Auntie Vi walked in. With her cheerful voice and pretty smile she said, "Trick or Treat Lois." My mom smiled and the bond between them was obvious. She had taken away the sadness my mom felt about the masks.

Your mom, the lady in red, will be missed by many. Dad is so lonesome now that she is gone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We only wish we could be there to celebrate her life. We will be with you all in spirit.

Warmly and with love. Tom, Yvonne and family

Tom and Yvonne Sericati - New Baltimore, MI - our parents were best of friends
- January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM