



Viola (Kasin) Gustafson

December 30, 1919 - October 30, 2019

Viola “Vi” Gustafson passed away on Wednesday October 30, 2019 at the age of 99. She was preceded in death by a sister, 3 brothers, a brother-in-law, her beloved husband the Rev. Dr. Alvar Gustafson and her beloved son Dr. Al Gustafson.

She was born in South Dakota, later moved to Minnesota, attended and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. She taught high school Business Education in New Richland, MN and in New Britain, CT. She served as Pastor’s wife with her husband at Trinity and Concordia Lutheran Churches in Chicago, IL, First Lutheran Church of the Reformation in New Britain, CT, and at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Forestville, CT.

She is survived by her family whom she loved dearly and for whom she was most grateful: Daughters, Marci (Ronald) Kirchoff, St. Paul, MN and Celia (Lloyd) Gillard, Newington, CT; Daughter-in-law, Evie Gustafson, Quincy, MA; Grandsons, Erik Gustafson, Jonathan (Erin) Kirchoff; Granddaughters, Krista (Tyler) Engebretson, Kaitlin (Christopher) Smedberg. Great grandchildren, Peyton, Christian & Hailey Engebretson, Lauren & Grace Kirchoff and several loving nieces and nephews in MN, SD, NE and TX.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Arbor Rose for loving and friendly relationships during Mother’s retirement years, also to her many friends living there. Special thanks to her caregivers, Nancy, Margaret & Hyacinth from Hartford Health Care at Home and to the Sisters and nurses at Franciscan Home & Hospice Care.

Memorial donations may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 355 Camp Street, Forestville, CT 06010; First Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051 and Arbor Rose 9075 Corbin Ave., New Britain, CT 06052.

Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is in charge of the arrangements. There are no calling hours. A memorial service and burial are private. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *What a lovely family. First Lutheran Church brings back the fondest of memories. I'm certain there's already a summer picnic being planned in heaven. With sincerest sympathy
Lynda Lee Lathan daughter of the late Al and Barbara,
granddaughter of Harold and Sally, great granddaughter of Conrad and Hilvie all of who I know are there welcoming Mrs G*

Lynda Lathan - November 04, 2019 at 02:32 PM

AL

“ *I will miss you Vi.. or mrs. G as I called you. I have known you and the family thru Celia my best friend since Jr. high. I went to the church behind your home and loved spending time at your home. Seeing you on holidays for meals at Celias was always special, and visiting you where you lived at Arbor Rose. I called you Momma Doodle with celia as I named my mom that and when she passed you became my momma doodle.
I am glad you are at peace, and in heaven with your husband and son. you will be missed and lived an amazing life, raising amazing kids and being a wonderful women to all who knew you. I was blessed to be part of knowing you sweet Vi!!!
Ann Linton,*

Ann E Linton - November 03, 2019 at 10:10 PM

SA

“ We have been very fortunate to have been friends of Mrs. G. for more than 40 years.
Always cheerful, kind , considerate and interested in our lives. We shall miss our visits with this very gracious lady. As the “Pastor’s wife”, she helped make our First Lutheran experience a real joy.
Thank you Vi!
Love,
Steve and Evelyn Anderson

Stephen Anderson - November 02, 2019 at 05:44 PM

JD

“ So sorry to read of the loss of your mom. She was a good friend and example to my mother, Jean Higgins, when they were at Arbor Rose. Your mom was warm and loving a very sweet woman. Again, condolences for your loss as she was a truly good person.

Jean Doyle
Groton, CT

Jean Doyle - November 02, 2019 at 03:52 PM

NG

“ Since the day that I met Vi, she’s been a kind and loving friend. She welcomed me into Arbor Rose when I moved in. Little did I know that I would find such a true and fast friend in my new assisted living home. We would share memories of our families with each other and I know that she loved her family very much. She would tell me so many stories that we would always laugh about together.
Although my friend Vi is gone, she will never be forgotten.

Nicky Gadzik - November 02, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of a special lady. I was privileged to meet her just one year ago and grew to love and respect her She will be missed especially by me and Nicky at meal times when we shared our life stories, current events and laughs. Arbor Rose has lost it's Pastor's Wife who spread fellowship to all. Thanks to Nancy and the aides who cared for her while waiting for her Chariot to bring her home.*
Joan Kelly-Coyle

Joan Kelly-Coyle - November 02, 2019 at 08:53 AM