

Viola *Oswald* Tipple
November 21, 1918 – July 3, 2004

Viola Tipple, 85, of Sibley, Iowa, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2004, at the Osceola Community Hospital in Sibley.

Viola, daughter of Henry and Regina (Schaeffer) Oswald, was born November 21, 1918, in Yankton County, South Dakota. She grew up in rural Irene, South Dakota, and attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. She graduated in 1940.



She married Paul Todd of Huron Lake, Minnesota, on July 2, 1946. They later moved to Brewster, Minnesota. Paul passed away in 1953.

On December 28, 1955, Viola married Ralph Tipple Jr. of Sibley, Iowa, in Worthington, Minnesota. They lived in Sibley, where Viola worked at Sibley Egg and Poultry and Country View Manor. She retired in 1984. Ralph passed away June 18, 1996.

In July 1997, Viola moved to Sioux Falls to be near her Deaf friends and attend her own church. On April 1, 2004, she moved to Sibley Nursing and Rehab.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls and the South Dakota Association of the Deaf.

Viola enjoyed playing cards, dominoes and bingo, as well as attending local sporting events with her family. Her hobbies included taking pictures and collecting crosses and angels. She loved attending church, and her family was very important to her.

Survivors included her son, Teddy Todd and his wife, Karen, of Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Linda Myers and her husband, James, of Amarillo, and Janice Runia and her husband, Calvin, of Sibley; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Elmer Oswald and his wife, Lora, of Menno, South Dakota; and five sisters, Elda Schaeffer, Adella Auch, Hulda Auch, Eilleen Streyle and her husband, Elmer, and Eleanora Schultz, all of Menno.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul and Ralph; her parents; three sisters, Edna Oswald, Ardena Oswald and Martha Mettler; and one brother, Edmund Oswald.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at First Reformed Church in Sibley, with Pastor Matthew Nix officiating. Burial followed at Holman Township Cemetery in Sibley. Andringa Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.