



Viola Banks

November 24, 1929 - June 5, 2009

Viola May Banks (79) of Toppenish passed away at her home on June 5, 2009. She was born November 24, 1929 in Grayville, IL to Clarence and Nellie Call the 2nd of 10 children. She married Melvin Downs of Grayville. She moved with her children to the Yakima Valley in 1955 where she met the love of her life, Wallace Banks. They married and settled in Toppenish in 1957. She worked for Del Monte for over 30 years and was known for being the "hardest working woman" anyone knew. She was also known for her kind and gentle nature, she always had a smile. She retired in 1990 and enjoyed spending time at the ocean, fishing at Mar Don and hunting in the mountains with her family.

She is survived by her sisters, Rosemary Dilger, Hope Call; brothers, Ken and Paul Call; daughters, Sandy (David) Gibson of Lincoln City, OR, Barb (Rodney) Kluever of Zillah; sons, Mike (Barbara) Downs and Charlie (Beth) Downs both of Zillah; seven grandchildren 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Melvin Downs, her second husband, Wallace Banks, her parents, three brothers, James, Charles and Ted Call; sisters, Gertie Urling and Nikki Nightingale. She is also survived by her close companion "Trouble" her not-so-little Chihuahua.

We would like to extend a special thank you to her brother, Ken for being there for Mom the past several years to care for her and to keep her spirits up. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Megan Kluever her

granddaughter for taking time out of her teen years to spend with her grandmother every night. A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Viola Banks*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mike and Charlie,*
Just wanted you to know that Susan and I were thinking of you and your families during these difficult times. Take comfort that your mother is now at peace and continue to live your lives as her memory will be with you always.

Wally and Susan##imported-begin##Wally Morrison##imported-end##

June 13, 2009 at 12:44 PM



“ *Aunt Vi :*
Thank you for all the good time's we had.
Now you can rest and go camping with Wally, and your sister Gertie. Heaven has a beautiful camp ground and you are all there.
Thank you for my family member's Sandy, Barb, Mike and Charlie.
You will always be my favorite Aunt and we love you. God Bless you and now it is your turn to... Go Rest High On The Mountain....##imported-begin##Marilyn Colgrove (Streeter)##imported-end##

June 13, 2009 at 01:47 AM



“ We will miss Aunt Vi, We will always love you. To Sandy, Barb, Mike & Charlie:
Our hearts and prayers are with you all.
After all we are family.... From Marilyn and Family.##imported-
begin##Marilyn&Ron Colgrove & Doug, Carl, Abe
Streeter##imported-end##

June 13, 2009 at 01:42 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family, I wish I knew what to say to make things better for all of you. Vi was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her. Marsha and family.##imported-
begin##Marsha Longee##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 02:16 PM



“ I miss you Mom!##imported-begin##Barb Kluever##imported-end##

June 10, 2009 at 02:55 PM