



## Viola I. McKinley

March 12, 1908 - January 4, 2015

Viola I. McKinley of Cadillac passed away Sunday, January 4, 2015 at The Lakeview in Cadillac. She was 106.

She was born on March 12, 1908 in Cadillac to Charles & Maddie (Buyinton) Guest. She married Walter G. McKinley in 1946 and he preceded her in death in January of 1986.

Viola attended school locally and later went on to become a beautician and worked for over sixty years in Chicago, Midland, Big Rapids, Houghton Lake Heights and Cadillac where she was the owner/operator of Viola's Beauty Shop. She enjoyed playing bingo, gardening, crocheting, and going to the casinos. Mrs. McKinley had also been a ragtime piano player.

Survivors include her son, Garry McKinley of Fife Lake; grandchildren: Angela (Lewis) Barber and Jason (Shannon) McKinley; great grandchildren: Noah Barber and Kayleigh and Shawn McKinley. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Roy Guest and a sister, Alma McWade.

Cremation has taken place and Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac will be her final resting place with graveside services held at a later date. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).



# Tribute Wall

FH

“ *Viola - my mom and I met in 1966 - stayed friends - I left Michigan in 2008 so the last time i visited with you was your 100th birthday - your son and grandchildren meant the world to you and you meant the world to them too - always your friend -Florence Hill*

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**Florence Hill** - February 20, 2015 at 08:05 PM

MH

“ *I was Viola's mailman for several years. She shared some wonderful stories with me about her younger years down state. My favorite story was about the time she first met Henry Ford. You will be missed Viola.*

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**Mike Houseman** - January 08, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JN

“ *RIP in the arms of Jesus! My thoughts and prayers are with you Garry. God Bless You!*

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**Jason Nelson** - January 07, 2015 at 09:21 PM

MR

“ *Sorry to hear of Viola's passing. I have many fond memories of time spent at her home as a youngster with Garry. A very nice lady with a fun loving outlook on life. Rest in Peace.*

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**Mike Rudolph** - January 07, 2015 at 03:27 PM

SY

“ I am Karen (Harnick) Sharpe's daughter. I remember coming to see you a few years ago. You were the most delightful, charming and wonderful woman. Your stories of Bing Crosby and boat adventures are what movies strive to capture. You will remain an absolute treasure in our family. My children still talk about how amazing their aunt Vi was. I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to introduce you to my family let be in the presence of such a wonderful person. You will be missed.

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**Sarah Yetman** - January 07, 2015 at 09:16 AM

VI

“ sorry for your Loss Garry

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**vicki** - January 07, 2015 at 08:59 AM

JB

“ I worked for Viola many years ago.Lovely little spitfire.

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**Jean Bonham** - January 07, 2015 at 08:57 AM

SH

“ What a beautiful person you are Aunt Vi. Let the music start playing in Heaven. Mom & Gram...get on your dancing shoes! God bless you.

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**Steve Harnick** - January 07, 2015 at 07:40 AM

JL

“ Rest in Peace Aunt Vi

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**Judy Corcoran LaFave** - January 06, 2015 at 10:08 PM