

*When I am gone, release me. Let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love and you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless those memories in your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
all my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home".*



CELEBRATING *The life of*



VIOLA SCHANER

Sunrise 1930 ~ Sunset 2026



Viola Margaret (Sibla) Schaner passed away peacefully on June 22, 2026, at Sanford Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family. After 95 years of a life well-lived, she leaves behind a legacy of faith, strength, kindness, and unconditional love.

Born on November 19, 1930, to Lawrence and Katherine Sibla, Viola learned early the values of hard work, family, and perseverance that would guide her throughout her life on the farm.

Viola was united in marriage to the love of her life, Edward Schaner on May 24, 1954. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised 13 children. Being a mother was her greatest joy and life's work. She embraced what is truly the greatest—and often the hardest—job in the world with endless patience, sacrifice, and devotion. Her children were the center of her world, and she dedicated her life to providing them with love, guidance, and unwavering support.

Viola found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved playing cards, spending time with her family, garage saling, sewing, and sharing her famous rham noodles that became a beloved family favorite. Her home was always a welcoming place where laughter was plentiful, stories were shared, and everyone felt loved.

Family was the heart of everything Viola did. Her greatest pride was watching her family grow through the generations. She treasured every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, creating memories that will be cherished forever.

Viola was loved and cherished by her siblings, Kenneth Sibla, Jim (Sandy) Sibla, and Doris Sibla. Thirteen children, Prescott (Carrole) Schaner, Michele Larson, Sandra Schaner, Curtis (Lane) Schaner, Dawn (Eric) Svensson, Joseph (Marie) Schaner, Sharon Pratt, Colette (Thomas) Goldade, Clyde (Kimberly) Schaner, Robert Schaner, Patrick (Francisco) Schaner, John (Carrie) Schaner, and James (Jennifer) Schaner; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends whose lives were enriched by her love.

Viola was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward Schaner; her parents, Lawrence and Katherine Sibla; brother, Lawrence Sibla Jr.; sister-in-law, Germaine Sibla; son-in-laws Eddie Pratt Jr. and Keith Larson; grandsons Michael Schaner and Thomas Goldade Jr.; and other cherished family members who welcomed her home.

While her family mourns her loss, they find comfort in knowing she was surrounded by those she loved as she passed from this life. They also find peace in imagining Edward waiting to welcome her home after years apart. Her legacy lives on in the family she nurtured, the traditions she created, and the love she freely gave to all who knew her.

The family would like to thank Miller Pointe and Sanford Hospital Staff for the care they provided Viola.

Funeral Services for **Viola Schaner**

Rosary & Parish Vigil

Wednesday, June 24, 2026; 7:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND
Presider: Deacon Kevin Leingang

Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, June 25, 2026; 10:00 AM
Church of St. Joseph, Mandan, ND
Celebrant: Fr. Keith Streifel

Casket Bearers

Joshua Schaner Derik Schaner
Scott Svensson Steve Svensson
Brandon Schaner Devin Schaner

Honorary Casket Bearers

Ben Goldade & Jonah Larson

Lectors

Kaitlyn Masseth
Elizabeth Couchey

Musicians

Kate Garcia
Gene Mosbrucker

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Song

“I Can Only Imagine”

“Here I Am, Lord”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63

“My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God”

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song

“Only A Shadow”

Presentation of Gifts

Avery Schaner & Addison Schaner

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

“Be Not Afraid” & “On Eagle’s Wings”

Communion Meditation

“Open My Eyes”

Final Commendation

“Song of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Amazing Grace”

Committal Service

11 AM; North Dakota Veteran’s Cemetery
Mandan, ND

***The family invites you for food and fellowship at the
Mandan Moose Lodge (111 11th Ave NE) following the burial.***