



Violet L. Staley

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Decatur – Violet L. Staley, 90, of Decatur, passed away Friday, January 8, 2021, in her home.

Violet was born October 28, 1930, in Chicago, the daughter of Frank and Harriet Lucas. She was an active volunteer and fundraiser in various organizations throughout the Decatur community including raising 1 million dollars on her own for Richland Community College where she was a board member of the foundation. Violet began singing opera in her youth later attending Northwestern University to study opera and supported the Lyric Opera of Chicago for many decades. Violet traveled extensively and was an avid tennis player. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir for many years.

She was very active in the Kumulani Chapel and Kapalua Club in Kapalua, HI, as well as a member of the Decatur Country Club, Decatur Club, and co-founder of the Mueller Museum. She married Henry Mueller Staley on February 3, 1954 and he preceded her in death on September 7, 2008.

Violet is survived by her son, Mark and wife Julie Staley as well as her grandchildren Alex and Lucas Staley of Springfield, brother Felix Lucas of NJ, along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant daughter, son Grant Spencer Staley, and sisters Lillian and Jean.

Visitation will be Friday, January 15, 2021, from 2 pm until the service time of 3 pm at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Entombment will follow in the Star of Hope Mausoleum at Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Richland Community College Foundation or Westminster Presbyterian Church. CDC and IDPH guidelines will be followed, building occupancy will be limited, social distancing and masks are required.

For those who cannot attend, you may view the service live at



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<http://webcast.funeralrecording.com/events/viewer/44904/hash:8E761EA382350755>.

The family wants to thank all the caregivers through the last several years and a very special acknowledgment to Bridgett Bond for the extraordinary help and care that she provided for Violet and the family throughout the years.

The family of Violet L. Staley is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Events


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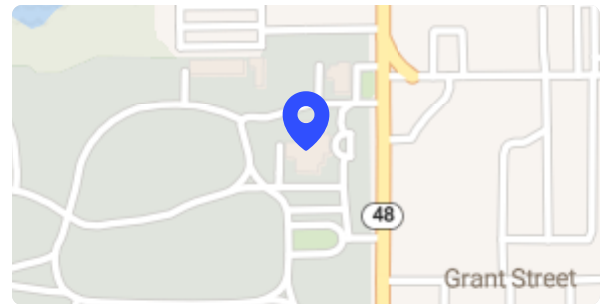
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Visitation

 **Friday**, January 15, 2021


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


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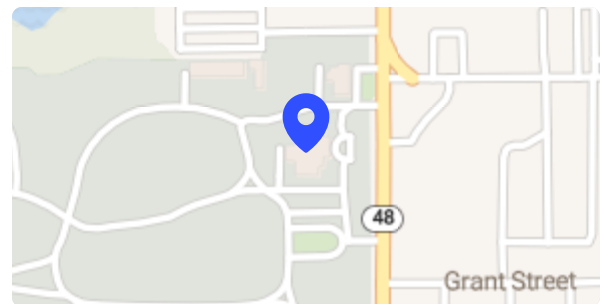


Funeral Service

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 3:00 PM CT

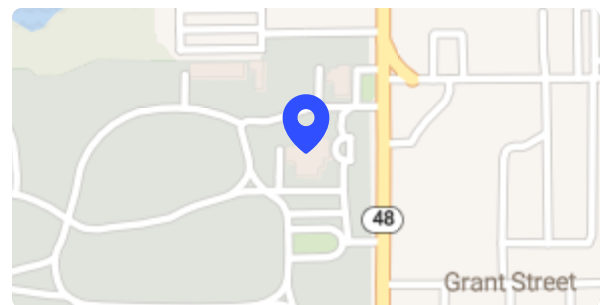
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Entombment

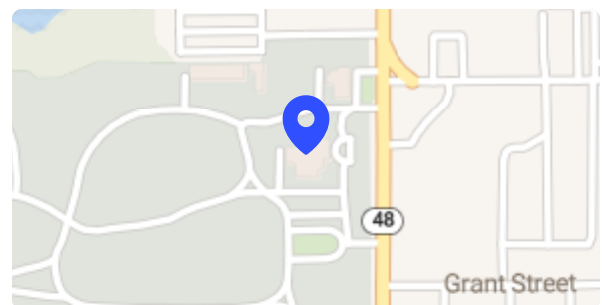
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Cemetery Details

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Murrrrdawg posted:

George Washington and i are Very sad to hear about Vi's passing. And very sorry that this pandemic would not allow us to pay her proper respect by attending the funeral in person. She always had a contagious smile that just radiated thruout the room., always treated me as extended family, and I am sure Many others can say the same. I had the distinct Honor of dancing with her at Mark and Julie's wedding. For years after, as her memory was failing, she would look over at me, and knew she knew me but couldn't remember names. But then she would say 'My dance partner' and get a Great, Big Smile on her face. That will always be a special memory for me as well. I am sure she is Dancing on clouds with Henry right now.Aloha, Shalom and Rest in Peace,Much Love,Murray

January 15 at 12:38 PM



Gina Bianchi posted:

All at Millikin are deeply saddened to hear of Violet's passing. Our heart-felt sympathies go out to all members of the Staley family. May you find comfort in your many loving memories! With sympathy, Gina Bianchi, VP of Alumni & Development, Millikin University

January 11 at 11:36 AM



The Neis Family sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Staley family.



January 11 at 6:52 AM



Denny & Barb Bartison lit a candle in honor of Violet.

We are so very sorry to learn of the passing of your dear mother. I have many good memories of Vi and our conversations about our boys. Our Mark was very fond of Vi and appreciated her hospitality when spending time with you at her home. She will be missed. Our love and sympathy go out to you, Julie, and your family. Barb & Denny



January 10 at 1:04 PM



Tangy Thurmond lit a candle in honor of Violet.

RIH Violet.



January 8 at 1:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Violet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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