



## Viola E. VanEtten

January 14, 1937 - May 11, 2024

ADRIAN- Viola Erma VanEtten, age 87, of Adrian, MI died Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Adrian Bay Rehabilitation and Nursing Center under the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Viola was born on January 14, 1937, in Adrian, the daughter of Roy and Bertha (Wilson) Willnow.

On July 3, 1956, Viola married Donald VanEtten and they cherished 53 years together before his death on November 14, 2009.

Viola was kept very busy raising 2 sons while working at Fisher Body Tecumseh for 21 years, where she worked on the line sewing seat coverings. She enjoyed bowling with Don. Viola loved to spend time outdoors where she tended to her vegetable and flower gardens. When it was time to harvest the vegetables, she was kept busy freezing and canning, storing enough to make it through the winter with her growing sons' appetites. Viola was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Adrian for many years.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald (Deborah) VanEtten, Christopher (Angela) VanEtten; grandchildren, Jill (Ken) Hindes, Transton Frederick, Markie Phipps, Walter (Michelle) Boone and Ryan (Kelly) Boone; 10 great-grandchildren; and her brother, William Willnow. Viola was preceded in death by her husband and grandson, Jason.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church with Pastor Brian Keller officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the start of services in the church on Thursday. Burial will follow at Palmyra Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church  
632 S. Madison Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church  
632 S. Madison Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Burial

MAY 16. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Doug, Steph., and Dylan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Viola E. VanEtten.



Doug, Steph., and Dylan - May 15, 2024 at 07:54 AM

GW

“ Grant, Francene and Marcia Willnow purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Viola E. VanEtten.



Grant, Francene and Marcia Willnow - May 13, 2024 at 11:46 PM

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“ Your Family at Continental Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Viola E. VanEtten.

Your Family at Continental Services - May 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Viola E. VanEtten.



May 13, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JG

“ I remember Viola when her beloved Don passed away, I was working at Wagley Funeral Home at the time. We always had a little visit when we saw each other at the grocery store. Viola was a devoted Christian and wonderful lady. May she rest in peace with Donald in their everlasting heavenly home. God bless them.

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**Jennifer Griffith** - May 13, 2024 at 12:05 PM