

Viola Hass, 88 ✓

Feb. 23, 1928 - Sept. 4, 2016

HARLAN — Viola Mae Hass, the daughter of Henry and Hattie (Schwieso) Steckelberg, was born on February 23, 1928, in rural Irwin. She attended country schools, completing the eighth grade. Viola then worked as a hired girl for her Aunt Selma for several years.

October 27, 1946, Viola married Lester Edwin Hass at the Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. The couple farmed briefly near Aspinwall, then for 17 years near Irwin, and finally for 33 years south of Manilla. In 1992, Viola and Lester retired to Harlan, and due to poor health, Viola had recently moved to the Manilla Manor in Manilla.

Viola was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where she had been involved with the Women's Circle when she was younger. She was a true farmwife, making special pickles, and raising chickens for many years and then buying something special with her "chicken money". Viola enjoyed playing the accordion and yodeling at Steckelberg family functions. She loved the monthly meal gatherings with old friends, and playing cards. Viola M. Hass died on Sunday, September 4, 2016, at the Manilla Manor in Manilla. She had reached the age of 88 years, 6 months, and 12 days.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Steckelberg and Lester Steckelberg; and one sister, Lorene Brue. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Lester Hass of Harlan; one daughter, Linda (Jim) Fisher of Dayton, TX; four grandchildren, Amber Roth of Waller, TX, Mandy Edwards of Liberty Hill, TX, Eric Edwards of Houston, TX, and Scott Edwards of Baytown, TX; several great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Friday, September 9, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Phillip Nielsen officiating. Marge Ahrenholtz served as the pianist. The honorary casket bearers were Merlin Hass and Bruce Irlmeier. Active casket bearers were Lanny Hass, Jim Fisher, Vance Arnold, Amber Roth, Mandy Edwards, Keith Hass, and Kenneth Hass. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.



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