



Violet Olsen

January 5, 1938 - November 23, 2019

Violet (Bushemi) Olsen, age 81 of Portage, IN passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2019 in Portage, IN. She was born on January 5, 1938 in Chicago, IL to Mariano and Sidonia (Castellano) Buscemi.

Violet is survived by her six daughters, Diana L (Jerry) Ewen, Charlotte A (Edward) Bundy, Edi C (Mark) McDonald-Powell, Tracie S (Edward) Silich, Connie J Olsen and Mary L. Olsen (Rene); two brothers, Edward (Ruth Ann) Bushemi, Anthony Bushemi; two sisters, Carolyn (Joseph) Zellers, Evelyn Bushemi; four grandsons, Matthew A (Tiffany) Godsey, Nicholas E (Jennifer) King, Cristopher N King, Justin E (Erica Valdez) Bundy; two granddaughters, Jessica M Supp, Justine M Supp and 8 great-grandchildren . She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald C Olsen; brother, Clarence Bushemi and grandson, Jacent Buscemi. Violet had many titles. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend. She was a teacher, nurse, doctor, a bodyguard and for her children and grandchildren, their biggest cheerleader in the game of life! Violet was dynamic, a force to be reckoned with physically, emotionally and spiritually. She was loved and admired by all who knew her. The door to her home was open for any soul needing company, food, coffee and a good dice game at any time of day or night. The loyalty shared in all of her friendships were an example to everyone that witnessed. Everything, and we mean everything was on her terms. The world waited on her. Throughout her life she enjoyed recipes the most as did anyone who were blessed to be fed by her. Anyone who received a handwritten one likely cherishes it to this day! She rose to a challenge always and earned her brown belt in karate. She loved to garden and transform year after year. She was an avid reader, always had a stack of books, reference materials and ALWAYS one of her bibles on the table beside her chair. In the end, her most vulnerable state she was a precious angel waiting to go home to meet her husband, mother, brother and grandson. Life will never be the same but her legacy will live on through the strong, beautiful family that she raised. RIPOSARE IN PACE