



## Viola Sylvia Surface

February 13, 2013

Our beautiful mother, Viola Sylvia Surface, 87, went home to be with Jesus and daddy today, February 13, 2013 at home surrounded by her family. Momma was born October 25, 1925 in Randles, Mo to the late William and Ivy Jones Lusk but was raised in Fornfelt, MO. She met and fell in love with Melvin Surface, Sr. and they were united in marriage on April 20, 1944. They made their home in Delta, MO. To that union were born eight children; Mary Louise Van Matre (Bobby) of Billings, MO, Patsy Ann Toombs and Nancy Lenora McIntyre (Darrell) of Cape Girardeau, Linda Mae Wells (Steve) of Jackson, Marvin Gene Surface (Nettie) of Leopold, Judy Laverne Crain (George), Joyce Sue Metcalf and Melvin Surface, Jr., all of Delta, MO; grandson that she raised from infancy, David Allen Johnson (LaDonna) of Cape Girardeau; sister, Dorothy Lusk of Scott City, MO; 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren; precious animal companions, Molly, Snuggles and Baby; a host of lifelong friends. Mother was a wonderful parent, wanting to know where her children were at all times. When the calling came on dad to become a Pentecost preacher, mother became a preacher's wife and she fit the role perfectly because she loved the Lord with her whole being. Mother became a widow at the age of 52. She devoted the rest of her life to her family. In her later years, she was a devoted Bingo player and loved to go to the thrift stores and garage sales. She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years; daughter, Mary who died December 4, 2008; brother, Frances of Greenville; sisters, Pearl Halter of

Jackson and Marie Lusk of Scott City. Visitation will be Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, February 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kory Douglas officiating. Burial will follow at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri or Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, Jackson, MO.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Nancy and family. I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I was going to come by the funeral home, but I had to stay with Becky. We can't leave her alone anymore. Her husband had something's he had to do. If I can make it I will come by tomorrow. My prayers are with all your family. Joyce Moore

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**Joyce Moore** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ This is my granny forever in my heart she will stay. When I was a young child she used to hold me at night till I fell asleep and sing to me at the very moment she went to be with the lord that song came in my heart. (Amazing grace) when I sing that I know that is grandma singing to me from her heart. Now im grown that song and grandma will be with me forever.

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**lisa cobb** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone as special as a mother. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

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**K. Jackson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM