



## Viola Helen Janssen

February 16, 1929 - September 28, 2017

MATTOON, IL- Viola Helen Janssen, age 88, of Mattoon, IL, peacefully passed away Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5:15 P.M. at Copper Creek Cottages in Mattoon, IL.

The funeral service in her honor will be held Monday, October 2, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938 with Reverend Adam Jacobson officiating. Burial will follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held Monday, October 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. until the time of service.

Viola was born February 16, 1929 in Mattoon, IL, the daughter of Jean M. and Jessie F. (King) Bruner. She married Herman J. Janssen on December 8, 1946, he survives his dear wife. Other survivors include her four children; three sons, Johnny F. Janssen and wife Linda of Waverly, IL, David B. Janssen and wife Julie Ann of Springfield, IL, and Stephen R. Janssen and wife Kim of Mattoon, IL; one daughter, Marla E. Miller and husband Robert of Palm Coast, FL; seven grandchildren, Christie R. Commarford and husband Dr. Patrick of St. Augustine, FL, Shelley L. Albers and husband Chris of St. Augustine, FL, Elizabeth E. Sanchez and husband Bill of Arlington, TX, Daniel J. Janssen of Springfield, IL, Jennifer A. Holdt and husband Mat of Jacksonville, FL, Dr. Brianna R. Janssen Sanchez and husband Ivan of North Liberty, IA, and Katherine E. Council and husband Lee of Puryear, TN; three great grandsons, Cole and Cade Commarford, and Jason Council; eight great granddaughters, Alexa, Belle, Jenna, and Zoey Albers, Ivanna and Gianna

Sanchez, Susanna Sanchez, and Grace Council; one godson, James Janssen and wife Debbie of Lansing, IL; and several loving nieces and nephews. Mrs. Janssen is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Gale Bruner, and two sisters, Jessie McCall and Donna Gregory.

Viola was a lifelong member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Mattoon, IL. Viola loved her church and enjoyed singing in the church choir with her fellow parishioners. Mrs. Janssen was previously employed at General Electric in Mattoon, IL, in quality control for over thirty years. She spent her time as an active member in Ed Coles/Sally Lincoln Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) in Mattoon, IL, American Legion Auxiliary, Douglas Hart Nature Center, V.F.W, RSVP, and Friends of the Mattoon Public Library. Viola found entertainment with reading, traveling, volunteering, and playing cards, especially Pinochle. Her greatest gifts in life were her children and grandchildren, and they will forever hold a place in their heart for her. Memorials in her honor may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Douglas-Hart Nature Center, and Friends of the Mattoon Public Library, all of Mattoon, IL.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
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## Service

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Viola Helen Janssen*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *23 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - October 02, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.  
Joe, Patty, Rachel and Emily Morgan*

patty morgan - October 01, 2017 at 09:42 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - October 01, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Viola Helen Janssen.



October 01, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Viola Helen Janssen.



September 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM

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“ Cort, Beth, Jody, Heather, Scott and Sharon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Viola Helen Janssen.



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**Cort, Beth, Jody, Heather, Scott and Sharon** - September 30, 2017 at 10:18 AM

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“ what a wonderful person and mother in law she was ill one year at Christmas and I was appointed to make the sugar cookies so sorry for your loss love to all David Royal

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**david royal** - September 29, 2017 at 09:14 PM

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“ Bryan Jassen Family lit a candle in memory of Viola Helen Janssen



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**Bryan Jassen Family** - September 29, 2017 at 04:43 PM