

Vivian R. (Lambert) Matzelle

Taylor, WI

Vivian R. (Lambert) Matzelle, 97, of Taylor, WI, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at Family Heritage Care Center, Black River Falls, WI, with her daughter, Stacy Lea Mitchell, holding her hand. Heather was waiting for her on the other side.

Vivian Rosella Lambert was born in Taylor, WI on July 24, 1916 to Edward and Lena (Clipper) Lambert. Her siblings included sister Viola (Lambert) Hulett and Howard Lambert.

From the stories we were told, Miss Vivian was a spit fire. She thoroughly enjoyed her single days. Then Walter Louis Matzelle caught her eye and she was in love. They married May 4, 1940 in Taylor, WI. They had a daughter who they named Vicki Lynne on April 28, 1949. As a family they operated a restaurant in Taylor, formerly known as Matt's Café.

Tragedy hit in May 9, 1964 when an accident claimed Walter's life. Vivian lived on and later became the grandmother of Kelli Malene Mitchell, Kari Melissa Mitchell, Stacy Lea Mitchell, and Heather Dawn Mitchell.

In 1985 her life was hit with another life altering event when granddaughter Heather was hurt and later passed away in an accident. Vivian once again was the rock that held her girls together.

She was blessed in 1988 to become a great grandmother to the first of her great grandbabies. Shawn Marie Mitchell was "sent from Heaven" to change our lives. Justin Mitchell Dunn, Jordan Lee Dunn, Cassidy Elizabeth Paul, Paige Karlstedt, Savannah Malene Griffin, McKenna Grace Dau, Patrick Hugh O'Brien Jr, Logan Scott Dau and Eden Vivian O'Brien came after to complete the package.

On October 16, 2006 Vivian became a great great grandmother to a little boy she cherished to her final day. Jayce Michael Castner filled yet another part of her heart. He was her boy.

Through all of the trials, tribulations, and oh so many great days, Vivian Rosella Lambert-Matzelle was an inspiration to her daughter, granddaughters, great grandchildren, and her great great grandson. Her spirit will live on forever in the lives of all of these individuals.

She was preceded in death by husband Walter in 1965, sister Viola in 1970, granddaughter Heather in 1985 and brother Howard in 2003.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, July 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m., at Taylor Lutheran Church, Taylor, WI. Reverend Benjamin Ahles-Iverson will be officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Family and friend are invited for visitation Sunday, July 13, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home, Hixton, WI.

Family and friends are also invited for visitation Monday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at [www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com](http://www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com).