



## Violet Wanda Henderson

October 1, 1927 - April 22, 2010

Services were 10 a.m. Monday, April 26, in Montgomery-Viets Chapel with Dr. Robert Baker officiating. Music was recorded selections of “In the Garden” and “I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You,” from Allan Jackson’s album “Precious Memories.” Burial was in New Hope Cemetery under the direction of Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Violet Wanda (Smith) Henderson was born Oct. 1, 1927, at the family farm north of Buffalo, the daughter of Fred D. and Eliza Elizabeth “Lizzie” (Evans) Smith. She died April 22, 2010, at Colonial Springs Healthcare Center, at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 21 days.

She sang country music with her sister, Helen, at radio station KWTO in Springfield and KMA in Shenandoah, Iowa, in the early 1940s.

While at KWTO, she met and married Vincent (Ted) Henderson on April 29, 1944, and left Springfield shortly thereafter.

They formed a duet singing act as “Ted and Wanda,” performing at many radio stations throughout the south, most notably a five-year stint at WLAC in Nashville, Tenn. Having left the music industry by 1950, they settled in Buffalo and entered the concession business, working state and county fairs until their retirement in 1975.

In the off season, her husband was a self-employed carpenter, plumber and electrician, while she enjoyed being a homemaker and raising their son.

She was saved and baptized and became a member of the Bible Baptist Church of Buffalo in 1985.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent (Ted) Henderson; an infant daughter, Wanda Jeanne; her parents; two brothers: Leonard and Floyd Smith; and four sisters: Dorothy Rambo, Dessie Miller, Helen Kay Gardner and Beulah Rambo.

Survivors include her son John and wife, Debbie Henderson, Buffalo; and a host of nieces and nephews

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