



Velma Jean Dingman

January 29, 1921 - December 22, 2019

Velma Jean (Spotts) Dingman, 98 of Bellevue, went to be with her Lord while surrounded by her family on December 22, 2019 at the Flower House in Nashville, MI. She was born to Ray C. and Gladys M. (Casler) Spotts on January 29, 1921. Graduating from Charlotte High School in 1938, Velma continued to the Home Economic short course at Michigan Agricultural College on a scholarship. While at college, she met her future husband, Harold E. Dingman. Velma also worked in Lansing and was the autograph girl for her uncle, Governor Luren D. Dickinson. Being a child of the depression, nothing went to waste. There was a place for everything and she kept everything neat as a pin.

Velma Jean and Harold were married on June 26, 1941 at the home of the bride's parents. They resided with the groom's parents until May 1948 when they purchased their home in Bellevue where they raised their family on a farm, milking cows and raising a flock of sheep. In 1968 they achieved the high producing dairy herd in Eaton County from the DHIA and in 1996 were awarded Outstanding Purebred Breeders from the Michigan Sheep Breeders Association. Working alongside her husband, Velma was the shepherd to their flock of sheep, caring for the ewes and lambs during lambing season. She also kept immaculate records for the registration of their sheep. Velma and Harold also belonged to Whirlaways square dance club and made many lasting friendships through this club in Bellevue.

Some of her favorite pastimes included: sewing, fishing, gardening, and canning, as well as completing multiple scrapbooks and photo albums for her four children, as well as one for special memories that she and Harold shared. As a member of the Nimble Needles Club, she helped make quilts for families in need. Her greatest hobby and proudest accomplishment, however, was raising her children and watching her grandchildren.

Velma is survived by her sons, Dennis L. (Laraine) Dingman, Doyle D. (Renee) Dingman; daughter, Diane (Dennis) Kelly; 8 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Marilyn Hosey. Velma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold (who also passed on December 22 in 2005); son, Duane E.

Dingman; and brother, Robert Spotts. The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at Pennock, the caregivers at the Flower House, and Kendra from Grace Hospice. Their care, compassion, and love did not go unnoticed, and the family thanks you for making their mother's final days comfortable.

Friends are encouraged to support the Dingman family by attending funeral services on Thursday, December 26, 2019, 12:00 noon at Bellevue United Methodist Church. Visitation is just prior to the service, 11:00 AM - 12 noon at the church. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Bellevue. Friends who wish to make memorial contributions are encouraged to support Bellevue Historical Society or the Eaton County Agricultural Building Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Velma on her Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery - Bellevue

201 Main St

Bellevue, MI, 49021

Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Bellevue United Methodist Church

122 W. Capital Ave, Bellevue, MI, US, 49021

DEC **Funeral Ceremony** 12:00PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2019 at 08:50 AM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 24, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ To the Dingman and Kelly Family my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She was well thought of. Trent thought a lot of her.

My condolences

Jeff Neal

Jeff Neal - December 28, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Diane—we are very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. You always spoke fondly of her and it is clear she was a special lady.

Sincerely,
Russ & Peg Lauer

Peg Lauer - December 24, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Dennis and Diane and the entire Dingman families, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. My condolences to the entire family.
Bonnie Ripley Swift

Bonnie Ripley Swift - December 23, 2019 at 08:57 PM