



Norma Jean Shepler

September 13, 1935 - December 30, 2020

Norma Jean Shepler, a hard-working woman of deep commitment to her family, died Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Norma was born September 13, 1935, the daughter of Melvin and Mildred (Johnson) Wilhelm. She married her lifelong love, Ronald Shepler on August 2, 1952, and the two settled into family life on the farm. Norma was the backbone of her family. She assisted in the early morning milking chores, bailed hay, canned fruits and vegetables, and sewed clothing for her three children. Norma's skills as a seamstress were unmatched. She created many of her own patterns, and created countless meticulously perfect quilts. She also knitted, crocheted, and made baskets. Norma passed on her talents to her daughters, and to several others during her years as a 4H leader. Her family and friends will also remember her incredible cooking, especially her pies, cakes, casseroles, and specialty Baked Beans for every holiday. Norma and Ron enjoyed summer adventure camping trips with all of their grandchildren. Over the years, they made many travels, eventually visiting all 50 states. Norma lived an active life, never once slowing down, and always making time for her family. One of her grandchildren wrote a note to her saying: You gave me unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life and, most importantly, cookies! Thank you for always believing in me, always encouraging me, and always loving me.

Norma is survived by her children, Julie (Bruce) Telfer, Betty (Darryl) Shook,

and Bill Shepler; grandchildren, Amy (Jacob) Williams, Carla (Kenneth) Vastine, John Shook, Dennis Shook, and Kimberly Hubbs; 5 great-grandchildren; Olivia and Kaylee Williams, Allison and Kenny Vastine, and Emberly Hubbs; brother, Larry Wilhem; and several nieces and nephews. Norma was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Ronald Shepler and two grandchildren, Staff Sgt. Garrett Swift and Charlotte Shook.

A private family gathering and interment at Center Eaton Center Cemetery will take place, following by a public celebration of life this summer when possible. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Norma on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



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“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. She truly was the matriarch of the family and I'll forever cherish the memories of our visits to the farm where Aunt Norma in her soft spoken manner always ensured we were well fed with her scrumptious cooking and ensured we city girls were well cared for. She was truly a kind soul.*

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