

Virginia M. Peska



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A celebration of her life was held Friday, Feb. 10, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Hartwick.

Memorials may be designated to the Virginia M. Peska Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Virginia was born on Oct. 29, 1926, to William and Beulah Wandling Fisher in Belle Plaine. She was raised and educated in Belle Plaine.

Virginia was united in marriage with Donald F. Peska on Oct. 31, 1944, in Marengo. The couple farmed near Hartwick and she was a homemaker. Later she worked at Hall's Electric, ironed clothes and did housekeeping work for area families, and candled eggs at Fontinel's in Victor.

She was devoted to her family, who recall helping her decorate various trees on the roadside on Highway 6 for people to enjoy as they were driving. She was a talented seamstress who made all of her families clothing. Her other enjoyments included canning, baking, cooking, riding motorcycles, and going to Cedar Rapids to shop and eat a hot meatloaf sandwich at Killian's.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Pamela Landuyt of Grinnell; one granddaughter; four great grandchildren; and her sister, Ruth Beck of Belle Plaine.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one grandson; and her siblings, Raymond Fisher, Dolores Slaymaker, Kenny Fisher, and Roy Fisher; and her half-brother, Lyle Wandling.

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Visitation will be held one hour prior to her service on Friday at the funeral home.

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