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A celebration of her life was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson and the Rev. Brian Chitwood officiating.

Memorials may be designated to the Madison Church of Christ, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Velma was born on Aug. 29, 1925, to John and Elsie (Bachman) Manning in Elma. She was raised on the family farm near Bassett, and graduated from Charles City High School with the class of 1943.

She was united in marriage to Harry (Leonard) Heinselman on Nov. 15, 1944, at the Methodist Parsonage in Austin, Minn. To this union were born two daughters, Dixie and Sue, and a son, Curt.

Velma worked as a nurse's aide in Elma while Leonard was in the service. They farmed in Floyd and Chickasaw County until 1965. They moved to Grinnell and owned and operated the A&W Drive-In and Tasty Freeze until 1975. Velma worked several years in the office of Dr. Sam Porter. She assisted her husband refinishing furniture, painting and making rag rugs from a loom. She enjoyed taking small trips with her husband, playing cards and singing at the player piano with friends. She cared for her husband at home for 10 years after he suffered a stroke. After his death, she volunteered at Grinnell Regional Medical Center for five years. She was a member of the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn.

Velma was a caring and giving individual. She would assist others in need by providing meals, transportation and visitation. She enjoyed embroidery, needlepoint and making quilts for her family. She loved and appreciated the time spent with her family and grandchildren.

Velma is survived by her three children, Dixie (Terry) Decker of Libertyville, Sue (Bill) Hahn of Marengo, and Curt (Kay) Heinselman of Kellogg; seven grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leonard Heinselman in 2003; sister, Dorothy Hatzky; and two brothers, Donald and Melvin Manning.



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