

Velma Mae Wilkinson was born on May 24, 1938, the first child Born to Stella May (Shastid) and William "Louis" Wilkinson on the farm in Altamont, Kansas. Her Grandma Joyce was there, it was raining and her dad had to hook up the team of horses to go out and pull Dr. Jones out of the ditch to get to the house. They moved to Parson, KS when her dad went to work at the ice plant delivering ice in town. She started kindergarten in Parsons, KS.

After her dad got out of the Army, he worked in the oilfield building oil tanks. They transferred to Great Bend, KS when she was in second grade. The year she was a freshman, they were transferred to Merino, CO where she graduated from Merino High School.

Velma married Dan Daugherty August 13, 1957. They lived on the Daugherty farm in Merino and had their first child, Sharon Kay on March 26, 1958. Then moved to Dan's first job at a gas plant in Leader, CO, a month before Carol May was born, September 14, 1959. They lived there a year and a half before moving to Lone Tree Gas Plant, between Upton and Newcastle, WY. Kevin Dan was born on May 13, 1965. Velma absolutely loved taking the kids to walk the roads and hills in that area. Oh, the stories she would tell about those hikes!

In 1968, they moved to Moorcroft, WY, to a homestead on the Belle Fourche River. Mom made where ever she lived home; many hours were spent quilting, sewing, gardening, and canning. The family was always on the river whether it was swimming or ice skating. Many evenings were spent barbecuing and roasting marshmallows on an open fire pit.

In 1973, the gas plant moved to Arnegard, ND, along with all the employees. Her green thumb turned the gumbo ground into a beautiful yard, garden, and flower beds. Velma loved being outside; whether it was working in her garden, working with her flowers, or simply sitting in the sun, she was happy. She made fresh homemade cookies every day after school or her famous mayonnaise cake!

Velma loved sewing and she also made sure her kids and grandkids knew how to as well. She sewed baby clothes and blankets, school clothes, prom & wedding dresses, and quilts. Not a kid in the country went without a Velma Daugherty crocheted or knitted blanket.

She and Dan went on many long trips. She loved going to Yellowstone National Park and the Black Hills. Velma always had projects of her handwork going as they traveled to Colorado and Missouri when visiting family.

Around 2011 Velma's health started declining including her fight with Parkinson's Disease. But as we all know Velma was a tough fighter and survived many health challenges.

December of 2019, Velma went to live at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City. Her family is grateful for the Nurses and CNA's who loved her as their own Grandma. It broke her family's hearts to not be able to visit as often as they as they wanted to, due to COVID-19. We were blessed to spend six days at the hospital, where she assured her family she had Jesus in her heart. Velma passed surrounded by her loving family and special friends, at McKenzie County Hospital.

Velma is leaving behind her Husband Dan Daugherty of Arnegard, ND. Children: Sharon Ceynar and Husband Bill of Arnegard, ND, Carol Sanford and Husband Kenny of Watford City, ND. Grandchildren: Jami Novodvorsky and Husband Shane of Douglas, ND, Laci Cargo and Husband Seth of Arnegard, ND, Cody Ceynar and Wife Janelle of Watford City, ND, Amy Polivka and Husband Nick of Watford City, ND, Melony Douglas and Husband James of Sheridan, WY, and Rory Sanford and Fiancé Lisa of Watford City, ND. Great-Grandchildren: Tate and Miranda Novodvorsky, Dylon Cargo, Trey, Camden, Blake, and Weston Polivka, Zooey Douglas, Tucker and Kooper Sanford, who loved her beyond measure. Sisters: Wilma Hamilton of Harrison, AR, Dianna Evans and Husband Jerry of Fairview, MO, Lorraine Johnson and Husband Ernie of Ringold, GA.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, her Son, Kevin, her Brothers, Louis, James, Martin, Jay, and her Sister, Joy.



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*Loving*  
M E M O R Y



*Velma Mae  
Daugherty*

*May 24, 1938~February 15, 2021*

*God's Got it...so you can PRAISE.  
Smile by faith when you can't  
smile by feelings.*

# Velma Daugherty

Born to William & Stella Wilkinson  
May 24, 1938~Altamont, Kansas

Passed Away  
February 15, 2021~Watford City, North Dakota

## Services

1:00PM Monday February 22, 2021  
Wilmington Lutheran Church  
Arnegard, North Dakota

## Officiating

Pastor Garrett Gudmunsen

## Music

Duane Sanford      Cody Ceynar      Laci Cargo

## Casketbearers

Cody Ceynar      Rory Sanford      James Douglas  
Tate Novodvorsky      Shane Novodvorsky  
Trey Polivka      Seth Cargo      Nick Polivka

## Honorary Casketbearers

Kevin Daugherty      Ken Sanford      Bill Ceynar

## Ushers

Kooper Sanford      Dylan Ceynar

## Final Resting Place

Schafer Cemetery  
Watford City, North Dakota

Velma's family would like to extend a special  
thank you to all the Nurses and CNAs at the  
Good Shepherd Home in Watford City.



*Blowing Kisses*  
I blow your kisses to the sky  
And off to you I let them fly  
Each one a wish I wrap in love  
Then send to you so high above  
I feel you watching as I do  
And know you hear each "I love you"  
So every day I'll send them high  
These kisses I blow to the sky  
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