



## Violet E. Calkins

December 11, 2005

Calkins, Violet E. age 68 of West Branch, December 11, 2005.

Beloved wife of Ronald L. Loving mother of Connie (Terry) Leyman, JoAnne (Mike) Massey, Tammi Miller, Ronald Calkins, and Norma (William) Pedersen.

Also leaves 8

Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren. Funeral service Friday 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. Interment United Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions to the National Autism Association PO Box 1547, Marion, SC 29571 would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family scroll down to the Online Condolence Link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ Violet E. Calkins

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Vi will be in all of our hearts forever. There are 3 things that I will never forget about this remarkable woman: #1: Her "magic" purse. This purse was always filled with those little white bank envelopes with just enough money to get what was needed for her family. This purse was open to all of her children and their families. I realize now, that this purse wasn't filled with money, but rather, it was filled with her Love and the amount of Love she had towards her family was the true magic. #2: Her cooking. She had this in-ability to cook for 2 people. I often smiled and laughed when I saw Vi try to cook for two. I remember her telling me on the phone one night that she was cooking for her and Ron and didn't have enough for me and Norma (we were dating at the time). When Norma and I arrived, Vi was cooking 10 pieces of chicken and loads of mashed potatoes and corn. We all ate very well that night. In additon to that, she had this ability to cook everything on "high" and never burn anything. And boy, could she cook! #3: Her selflessness. This woman never thought of herself first. I can recall countless times hearing her tell Ron to take her shopping for the grandchildren/great-grandchildren because someone needed something or whatever. It didn't matter that she was in pain or sick or not. She always thought of her family first. My final thoughts for Vi Calkins is that this loss reaches more than just her immediate family. She was a care-giver who did her best without thinking of herslef to provide and care for her family and those around her. She cared for her family and friends through her "magic" purse, her cooking and her selflessness. I will surely miss you Vi. May you have all the rest and peace you deserve.

Bill - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM