



Virginia Mae (Fox) Franklin MTRA # 125

Lansing, MI

Age 93, passed away on December 6, 2019. She was born on October 1, 1926 in Carbondale Township, Jackson County Ill. and lived most of her married life in Delta Mills, Mi. She attended Washington State University graduating in February 1953 as a Registered Occupational Therapist.

Virginia was an avid outdoors woman and enjoyed many hours with her horses and dogs. She also liked hunting and fishing with her husband Bernell, which they did while traveling all over the world. Her favorite was the time spent in the fall salmon fishing with her family and friends. Down hill skiing and ice skating was also enjoyed by her during the Michigan winters. After riding with the founding members of the Michigan Trail Riders Association for over 30 years, she and Bernell created the Shore To Shore Trail Ride Ltd. She, as "Trail Boss," led horse riders across the state from Oscoda to Empire on the Michigan Riding Hiking trail system for many years. She also donated her time and expertise as a 4-H leader for 14 years with the Delta Riders of Eaton County.

Virginia was married on January 22, 1955 at the People's Church of East Lansing to her husband of 51 yrs, Bernell B. Franklin deceased October 28, 2006. She was also preceded in death by her sister Barbara Durbin (Shady) and her brother Raymond Fox (Maybel).

Virginia was a devoted wife and mother of children Randall Franklin (Laura), Melissa Franklin, grandchildren Kimberly Christmas (Joe) and Christopher Franklin and Stepchildren Gene Franklin (Anne) with grandchildren April and Andy, Dean Franklin (Kathleen) with grandchildren Nathan, Theresa, Kevin and Duffy.