



## Emma Jean Norman

August 7, 1934 - February 19, 2016

Jean Norman went peacefully to her immortal home on February 19, 2016 and will not be making anymore of "that darn applesauce.~^~

Emma Jean Norman was born in Cadillac to Lillian (Samuelson) and Albert Smith on August 7, 1934. An accomplished baker, generous with peanut butter sheet cakes, molasses cookies, and blitz tortes, the fights over her spritz cookies at Christmastime will live on in our memories as will our love for her.

She graduated from Tustin High and married Darwin Norman on March 7, 1953. Jean had five children and helped Darwin run Darelnor Eggs before it closed in 1984. She worked at Network Reporting, Godfrey's of Cadillac, and Gary Trimarco's of Big Rapids. Jean was an active 4-H leader who helped many kids earn state awards in sewing. She also helped with Pine River Area Historical Society's calendar.

Jean loved musicals like Oklahoma! and The Sound of Music, wore "I love my grandkids~^~ sweatshirts, and always had a craft project in the works along with a few loaves of bread rising in the kitchen.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Darwin; daughters: Margaret (Richard) Ecker of McMinnville, Oregon, Mary Ellen (Randy) Holmes of Tustin,

Myra Norman of Cedar Springs; son, Mark (Catherine) Norman of Tustin; grandchildren Aaron (Kara) Ecker of Dayton, Oregon, Angela (Duane) Christie of Tustin, Zachary Holmes of Tustin, Summer (Lewis) Deline of Reed City, and Seth Norman of Tustin; great-grandchildren: Talon, Olivia, Torrigan, Neil, Henry, Jacob, Delaney and Brody, and the couples' two rescue dogs, Duke and Toby.

Jean was met in Heaven by her parents; siblings, Alberta (Robert) Bottje, Shirley (Nelbert) Pauley, Norman (Shirley) Smith, and Alvera (Elwood) Dahley, daughter Benita Norman and grandson Daniel Ecker.

A Celebration of Life memorial will take place this summer for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice of Cadillac or The Salvation Army. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories started way back when Emma Jean's mom taught school at Benson Corners as my (Carlton's) teacher. Then, when we all attended Tustin High School. Next, she married into the Norman relatives. Yes, we have so many fond memories. Our love and sympathy to all the family in the loss of this dear one.*

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**Carlton and Shelby Plyler** - February 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Jean is an amazing person. She was so loving and someone to which all could look up to. She will be greatly missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during this very difficult time. Thank you Jean for all you taught us as kids. Those memories will live on forever. Rest in Peace until we all meet again. xoxo*

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**Tonya (Engler) Kline and Family** - February 26, 2016 at 01:12 PM