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June 8, 1934 — March 7, 2015

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DeLores is survived by her son Paul Ridgeman, niece Susan Barka, cousin Janice (Fred) Zweifel, brother John (Kathy) Cavey, Aunt Irene (Danny) Smolen and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Stanley Ridgeman; her best friend and sister, Sherry Ford; and both parents.

DeLores counted two things in her life as her greatest blessings from God. The first blessing was Stan, the love of her life and husband for more than 50 years. In a recent letter she wrote Stan gave her many things she never dreamed of having — love, security, new cars and a house. Stan built her the house she envisioned, designing it with love and DeLores in mind. They enjoyed nothing more than tending to the house together — Stan building the rock wall (among other things) and DeLores tending to her house/yard work, especially caring for her mother's roses in the backyard. The best things Stan gave her weren't as visible to the outside world. He gave her a lifetime of his respect, love and devotion. DeLores was Stan's beloved — one of the last things he told Paul was to make sure Paul took care of his mother.

Her son Paul is her second greatest blessing. In her letter she wrote that Paul was "the most precious gift she had ever gotten" from Stan. She is "extremely proud of the man he has become" and Paul devoted himself to caring for his mother — DeLores knew Stan asked Paul to care for her and she wrote that Paul "had gone far and above the call of duty" in caring for her. In her letter, she said she "wished that every mother could have a son just like Paul." She dearly loved spending time with Paul. For instance, even though DeLores was apprehensive to ride her lawnmower (Stan nicknamed DeLores' lawnmower the "Enterprise" because she drove it where no man had gone before) up their big hill, she dearly loved to ride in Paul's muscle cars and on the back of Paul's Harleys any chance she got. Always the dutiful mother, she frequently taste-tested the first sip of Paul's beer and could hear Paul crack the can from across the house.

DeLores enjoyed a great many things in life. She was very family-oriented, attending Hamilton family reunions in Iowa and could be found every Wednesday for many years with her mother and aunt combing the halls of Brookfield Square looking for the best deals, sometimes ending those Wednesdays stopping in by Susan to get manicures and grab lunch. They made many trips up north to visit "Daddy" and Marilyn. Every Sunday she looked forward to long chats first with her sister Sherry and after Sherry passed, with Susan.

DeLores loved puzzles and did her daily crossword puzzles with a pen. She never had an unkind word to say about anyone or anything, finding the silver lining in every situation — in fact, the worst expletive she could muster was "Good Lord love a duck!!" The Packers were her team as evidenced by the Packers memorabilia found around their home. DeLores enjoyed her life!

DeLores Ridgeman has a beautiful soul that will be missed a lifetime by those that loved and knew her well.

No formal funeral services will be held.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Homes and Crematory of Eagle is assisting the family, 262-594-2442. For the online guest registry, please go to www.haaselockwoodfhs.com.

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