

## **LORETTA STANTON ZWEBER**

Loretta (Stanton) Zweber, age 83, peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior the early morning hours of Monday, February 4, 2019, at her home in Prior Lake, MN.

All of Loretta's service will be at St. Michael Catholic Church, 16311 Duluth Avenue SW, Prior Lake. A visitation will be on Friday, February 8, from 3-7 pm and on Saturday, February 9, from 9:30-10:45 am with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am, led by Father Tom Walker. Loretta's pallbearers will be her grandsons, Michael Zweber, Zachary Zweber, Jackson Zweber, Conner Beck, Alex Zweber and on behalf of Ben Zweber is Corey Brewer. She will be laid to rest at St. Michael Cemetery.

On January 22, 1936, on a farm in Webster, MN, Loretta was born to parents William and Loretta (Ryan) Stanton. The oldest of 13 children, she grew up knowing the true meaning of hard work, being one as family and having a strong faith. Loretta attended St. Dominic's Catholic School, with graduating from Northfield High School in 1953. She then worked several years as a secretary for the Minn. Breeders Association in New Prague, MN.

The best chapter in Loretta's life was being a wife and mother. While attending a dance in New Prague, she was introduced to a young handsome man, Val Zweber. Since he was in the service, they exchanged letters overseas and over time their love flourished. On May 12, 1956, at Annunciation Church in Hazelwood, MN, Loretta and Val were united in Holy Matrimony. They were given 8 precious gifts from God, Pauline, Bill, Gary, Mat, Sue, Val, Lorie and Katie.

It was a family affair on the farm. Loretta and Val instilled in their own children the same values she was taught. Each day was filled with hard work, tending to the gardens, animals and keeping up with active children. Loretta loved to entertain and relished birthday gatherings. Sundays meant being surrounded by laughter, food and great conversation from family. Her family also extended caring for babies and young children as a Daycare Provider for over 31 years. Babies and children always held a special place in her heart. To Loretta, these were the best days.

Loretta also found joy in cheering on the Minnesota Twins, reading the daily paper, especially the sports section, playing Euchre and taking a chance at lady luck. She and Val have always been active and supportive members of St. Michael Catholic Church and School.

Proud of her Irish heritage, Loretta had a gift to remember dates, events, numbers and statistics. She was everyone's "World Book of Knowledge." Loretta had this amazing quality in being a good listener, humble kindhearted and one to always follow the rules. The most valued chapter in Loretta's life was of her faith. She deeply loved her family, but it was her strong faith, that enabled her the day to day support and guidance to keep moving forward in life. God provided her with a special gift of faith, which she was able to share with many far and wide.

Loretta Therese Zweber was a loving, caring, compassionate and kind woman. She lived a simple life and loved life. Forever loved, she will be missed by her husband of 62 years, Val; children, Pauline Lentner, Bill (Patsy) Zweber, Gary (Denise) Zweber, Matt (Peggy) Zweber, Sue (Bob) Beck, Val (Rhonda) Zweber), Lorie (Rick) Evenson, Katie (Mike) DeGross; 2 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings. Sr. Loriann Stanton SSND, Joanne (Ken) Egger, Patricia (Bill) Nelson, Colleen (Leo) Skluzacek, Bill (Jan) Stanton, Mary Ellen (Jerry) Jirik, Monica (Kevin) Lynch, Tim (Christine) Stanton, Michelle (Patrick) Fox; sister-in-law Marcia Stanton; other relatives and devoted friends.

There to welcome Loretta home in eternal peace is her daughter-in-law, Becky Zweber; parents Bill and Loretta; siblings Donnie (Donna) Stanton, David Stanton, Mark Stanton; nieces Maura Stanton and Mary Elizabeth Stanton.