



Jan. 31, 1935-July 31, 2012

Shirley J. DeLong, 77, died at 11:27 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rita's Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 31, 1935, in Chicago, to Grover and Vincenta (Trakas) Hall, who preceded her in death.

In June 1968, she married Irvin D. DeLong, who died Nov. 14, 2009.

Survivors include sons Jerry (Donna) Sampson of Reynoldsburg, Charles "Mike" (Kristine) Sampson of Suwanee, Ga., and Gregory Sampson of Miller Beach, Ind.; daughter Jenelle (Scott) Aldrich of Delphos; brothers Allan (Mary Lee) Hall of Lima and Grover "Butch" (Pat Covalt) Hall of Centennial, Colo.; stepbrother Glen (Elizabeth) Eley of Lima; stepsisters Carol Ann Haines of Columbus Grove and Linda (Rick) Hackworth of Lima; and nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by brother Gary (Cindy) Hall; sister Rosanna (Paul) Wolfe; and stepbrother Charles Eley.

Mrs. DeLong retired from Eaton Corp. after 24 years. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at Harter and Schier Funeral Home, the Rev. Angela T. Khabeb officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or St. Peter Lutheran Church.