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Larson, Alice "Sammy" Marie ~ Age 87, died on 15 Feb 2011 of complications from a stroke she had last May. She was born Alice Marie Samuelson in Boone, Iowa on October 7, 1923, the 5th of 7 children, but most people have always known her lovingly as Sammy. She grew up on the family farm near Boone and graduated from Iowa State College in 1945. While at Iowa State, she met her future husband Ken. They courted while Ken was away fighting WWII as a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps and married on June 10, 1945 after Ken completed his tour of duty. In 1948, they moved to Dallas where Ken started working as a pilot for the fledgling Braniff Airways and they became part of the young and growing 'Braniff Family'. Ken and Sammy were married for 63 years and raised three sons – Steve, Chuck, and Roger. In 1954, Braniff moved them to Key Biscayne FL, then back to Dallas in 1959 where they settled into the house in North Dallas where they lived for 50 years. Sammy was a wonderful, dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved life and living it, and had a reputation for not being able to sit still very long – always wanting to do something and be active. She was an accomplished golfer, noted bridge player, phenomenal cook, good piano player, excellent water skier, avid exercise enthusiast, former beauty queen, fanatic Cowboy, Ranger and Mavericks fan, active member of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher and volunteer, loved crafts, had her own wedding catering business for a while, and actively supported Ken in his numerous flying-related activities. She was very giving – she volunteered for so many things they are too numerous to list. She was able to travel extensively to exotic places like South America, Australia, Europe, China, Russia, Alaska, and all over the lower 48. Everywhere she went and in everything she did, she developed long-standing, beloved friendships. Sammy had a smile for everyone. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken in 2008, 2 brothers, Bud and Bob Samuelson, and 2 sisters, Margi Giles and Dorothy Heavilin. She is survived by her



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sister Nadine Hoffman of Miami, OK; her brother Laverne Samuelson and wife Theresa of Boone, IA; son Steve and wife Marie of Southlake TX, son Chuck and wife Bobbie of Phoenix, AZ, son Roger and wife Linda of Edina, MN; grandchildren Brett Larson and wife Susan, Keith Larson, Robin Larson, Shannon Dornan and husband Garrett, Rob Larson, and Kim Larson; and great-grandchildren Sarah and John Larson. Sammy was loved by so many because she was a loving person. We will all miss her terribly, and most of all, we will miss her wonderful smile and her beautiful, big blue eyes. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 1, 2011 at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested a donation to the Lovers Lane United Methodist Church Building Fund.



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