

Obituaries

LAVAN KETELS

LaVan Ketels, 93 of Montezuma, died Oct. 4 at Montezuma Nursing Center. Services were at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma.

LaVan Etha Ketels was born June 9, 1919 in Marengo, the daughter of Floyd and Myrtle Dewald Ward. She married Virgil Walsh in 1937. The couple owned and operated a salvage yard and a gas station in Montezuma. Over time LaVan could work on car engines as well as any man. She also worked at Brownells for 27 years.

LaVan loved preparing meals for her family and friends. She was a delightful host and outstanding cook.

LaVan was a member of the Montezuma Methodist Church, UMC and the Garden Club. Most recently she enjoyed volunteering at the Montezuma Nursing Home calling bingo.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two husbands: Virgil Walsh and Walter Ketels; three sis-



ters and a brother: Ileen Bauman, Alberta Mason, Vera Kaldenburg and Lawrence Ward.

LaVan is survived by a daughter, Marna (Ted) Kudart; a son, Keith Walsh; three grandchildren: Kevin Kudart, Karla Bauer and Kim Gregson; five great grandchildren: Kolten Kudart, Kyler Kudart, Brianne Watson, Paige Watson and Camden Watson. She also leaves behind two sisters-in-law, Bonnie Ward and Janice Jones.

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