Carol Croucher Horgen

December 18, 1937 - February 8, 2025

Carol Margaret Croucher Horgen, 87, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2025, in Sanford, Florida. Carol is survived by her son, David (Allie); daughter, Donna Bobek Schmitt (Joe); five grown grandchildren, Matthias Horgen, Michael (Erin) Bobek, Chris (Kristina) Bobek, Patrick (Ana) Bobek, and Kristina Bobek; three great-grandsons, Magnus, Maximus, and Michael Bobek; and a multitude of friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Ernest Arthur Croucher and Gladys Louise Lowe Croucher, her brother, Ernest, Jr., and her sister, Ruth Havlicek.

Carol was a life-long Floridian. She was born on December 18, 1937, in Coral Gables, Florida. She graduated from Coral Gables High School and the University of Miami. She married Floyd Horgen in 1957, with whom she had her two children, although they later divorced. In her twenties she was a school-teacher and then a stay at home mom. She then became a successful real estate agent and later worked as a commercial loan officer until she retired at the age of 66.

Carol was a highly intelligent, capable, and fiercely independent woman who valiantly adapted to the deteriorating effects of macular degeneration that left her legally blind. With the loving support of her family and network of friends, she was able to live independently until just the last few months of her life. She had a great love for her family and many dear friends, her beloved ocean-

front condo in Hollywood, Florida where she lived for more than 30 years, the ocean, the mountains, and traveling. After she retired, she bought a small RV and traveled the country, mostly alone, seeing as many national and state parks as she could before her eyesight finally failed her.

The family will hold a private celebration of her life in May. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to donate to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, which provides patients with resources to live their fullest lives and supports scientific research aimed to prevent and cure macular degeneration.