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Ardella Lutgen Flaschenriem, age 95, passed away April 20, 2019 at Hilltop Care Center, Watkins with her family by her side.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 25, 2019 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in St. Nicholas, MN. There will be a visitation from 4-8:00 p.m. Wednesday and 9-10:45 a.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Church.

Ardella was born December 14, 1923, the eldest daughter of Aloys and Rose (Witzman) Lahr. She and her 5 siblings were raised on a farm a few miles west of St. Nicholas, Minnesota. Ardella grew up during the days when horses were used for all farm work, and milking by hand was the norm. She shared many stories of the various chores that needed to be done as she grew up on the farm.

Ardella married Ignatius Lutgen in November of 1945. Together they owned and operated Lutgen's Bar and Grocery Store in St. Nicholas while raising

their 5 children. Ignatius died suddenly in 1968 at the age of 46. She later married Wilfred Flaschenriem in May of 1971 and helped raise a second family of 5 step-children.

Ardella was active and very proud of her church in St. Nicholas, being a member for 95 years. Spending many hours working behind the bar with her husband Iggy, and then later her son Allen. She was always ready for a game of Euchre with any and all who came in the door, only retiring at age 80. She was an active gardener, had numerous flower gardens, and was known for her homemade horseradish and Christmas popcorn balls. She loved to embroider and gifted all her grandchildren with sets of dish towels.

She is survived by her children, Roger (Mary Ann), Allen, Shirley, Ken (Betty) and Jim (Anita) Lutgen; step-children, Deb (John) Magedanz, David Flaschenriem, Linda (Tom) Faber and Karen (Bob) Sermon; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Elmer (Florence) Lahr, Delores Van Heel, Cecelia (Elmer) Hennen, Gerald (Delores) Lahr; brother-in-law, Jim Binsfeld.

She is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands; sister, Genevieve; two infant brothers; step-daughter, Susan Flaschenriem; and brother-in law Richard Van Heel.

A very special “thank you” to the whole staff at Hilltop Care Center in Watkins for the wonderful care Mom received over the last few years, and especially a heartfelt “thank you” to Lu-Lu.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Nicholas Church  
15862 Co Rd 165  
St. Nicholas/Watkins, MN 55389  
(320) 764-7385

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APR **25.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

APR **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ardella Lutgen Flaschenriem*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ardella Lutgen Flaschenriem.*



April 23, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Loved this lady. The first question she would ask anybody is where you from and then she would say I'm from St Nicholas it meant the world to her. Many of times she would say how her and another lady would clean the church from top to bottom. She always wanted to go home do chores and she had to milk the cows. Talked a lot about the horses. Always had a beautiful smile and when there was music on or someone playing music she came alive the tweet and hands would really move. Gonna miss you girl but you earned your wings and fly high. RIP Ardella Lahr Lutgen Flasenriem.*

**Lulu Loken** - April 22, 2019 at 02:54 PM



*Met her when I traveled back and forth with Mary Ann Mehr now Lutgen on our way from Minneapolis. Ardella was always in good spirits, great sense of humor, strong women. She always knew you after you said Hi. Rest in Peace.*

**Lois Ebnet** - April 24, 2019 at 09:44 PM