

God's Garden

God looked around the garden,

And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,

And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you

And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the best.

He knew that you were weary,

and He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never

be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,

and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,

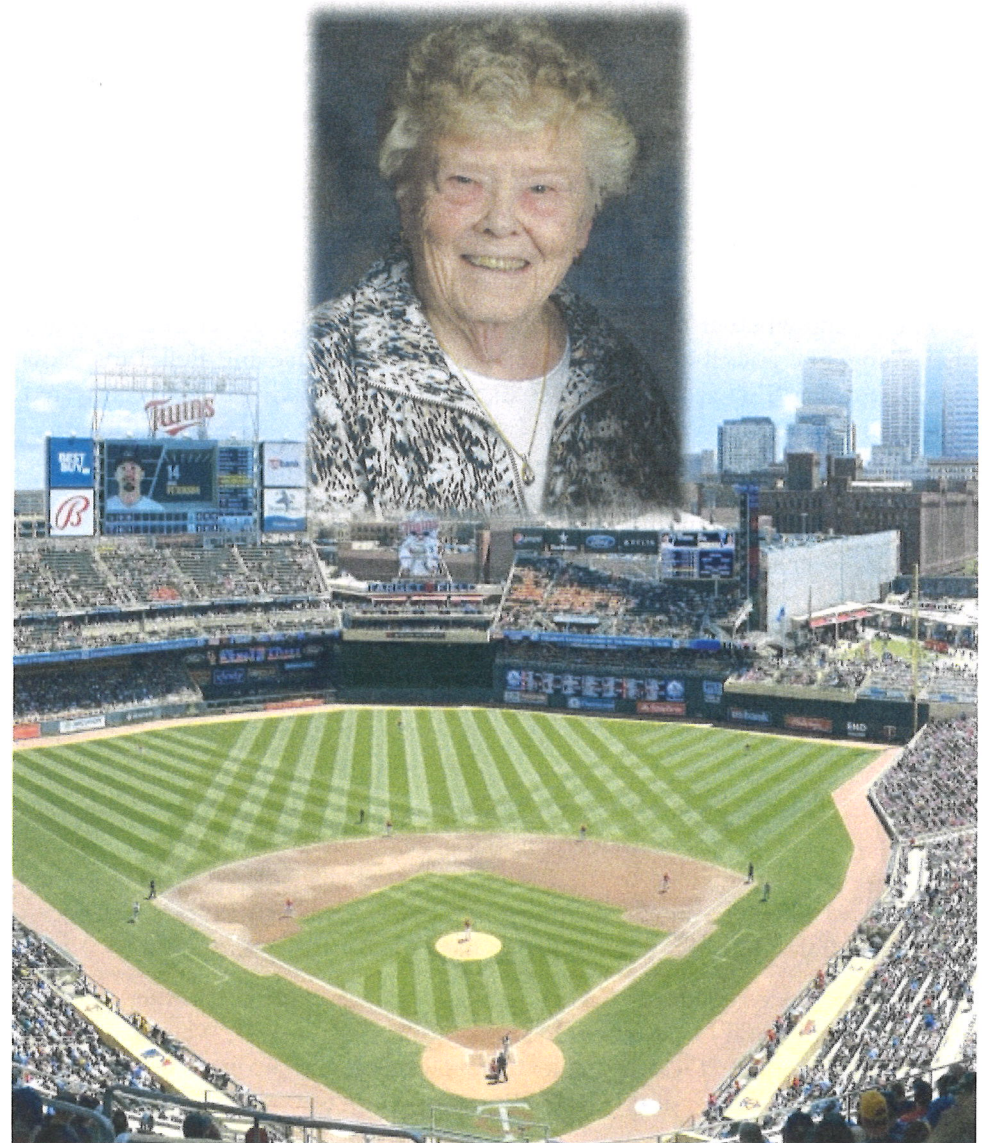
and whispered peace be thine.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home
Spirit Lake - Milford - Lake Park

In Loving Memory

Luella Potratz

February 24, 1937 - June 13, 2024



Luella Marie Lallier was born on February 24th, 1937 to John T. and Mary (Kunkel) Lallier. She attended St. Benedict School and then St. Cecelia School and Church in Algona.

Luella worked as a waitress in Algona and after moving to Estherville and raising 4 kids took a job with the school district lunch program serving and delivering lunches. She then worked at Spurgeon's clothing store for a few years after that.

She met Dick Potratz at a Christmas night dance at the Plantation Ballroom in Whittemore and were united in marriage on February 9th, 1961. They moved to Estherville in 1961 and then to the Spirit Lake area in 1993. They were happily married for 63 years.

Lu loved playing cards, mostly 500 with their card club in the 70s and teaching her kids and grandkids the "ins and outs" and maybe some subtle hints to her playing partner, sometimes into the early morning hours. She loved watching her kids play all sports, but baseball and softball were her favorites. She and Dick planned their days and nights around the Twins games. She loved having the whole family around to cook, making her famous potato salad, apple pies and cinnamon rolls. She never thought there was enough food and then complained she had so many leftovers. There was never a dull moment when Lu got going whether it was with her kids or grandkids, or her grandkids got her going. She is well known for her love of Iced Coffee and Pull Tabs. You can just order "Lu" at the Starbucks in Spirit Lake knowing it has been tested and refined over the years.

Luella passed away June 13, 2024 at Lakes Regional Healthcare.

Left to cherish Lu's memory is her husband Dick of 63 years; children: Nancy Maas of Spirit Lake, Patty Potratz of Des Moines, Rick (Michelle) Potratz of Maple Grove MN, Kari (Mark) Gjerde of Estherville; grandchildren Nick (Leanne) Stoeckel of Lexington MN, Molly Stoeckel of Los Angeles, CA, Chelsey (Joe) Anderson of Spirit Lake, Nathan Stoeckel of Faribault, MN, Maggie (Patrick) Blackburn of Hernando, MS, Melissa (Jordan) Eggers of Dannel, MN, Blake Gjerde of Estherville, Kendall Potratz of Maple Grove, MN, and Hayden Potratz of Maple Grove, MN. Great grandchildren: Evan Stoeckel, Lucie Blackburn, Claire Stoeckel, Eve Stoeckel, Willow Stoeckel, Maeve Blackburn, Boyd Anderson, Jack Blackburn, Blair Eggers, Emma Anderson and Bo Eggers. Brother Marv (Caryle) Lallier of Arkansas, sister in-law Anita Lallier of Algona, brothers-in-law Dave (Sheryl) Potratz and Dean (Kelly) Potratz of Humboldt; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Mary and John; brothers: Arnie, Charles, Kenny and Dick; sisters Delores Leshner and Noreen Waterman, sister in-laws Peg Lallier, Deloris Lallier, Inez Potratz and brother in-laws Curt Waterman, Lyle Leshner and Edward Potratz.

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MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Spirit Lake, Iowa

Tuesday, March 18, 2024 10:30 AM

PRESIDER

Father Brian Hughes

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

I Am The Bread of Life

How Can I Keep From Singing

MUSICIANS

Denise Wunn

Donna Williams

PALLBEARERS

Kendall Potratz

Nick Stoeckel

Nate Stoeckel

Blake Gjerde

Hayden Potratz

Melissa Eggers

HONORARY BEARERS

Molly Stoeckel

Chelsey Anderson

Maggie Blackburn

INTERMENT

St. Magaret Cemetery

Spirit Lake, Iowa