

PRAYER SERVICE:

Sunday, September 28, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

Schuler-Lefebvre Funeral Chapel Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Presider: Jenny Irwin

Scripture Readers:

Lori Rowat & Sean Pratchler

Eulogists: Lori Rowat, Megan Lueke & Sarah Weinrauch

FUNERAL MASS:

Monday, September 29, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Paproski, OSB

Crossbearer: Chris Pratchler

Urnbearers: Megan Lueke & Sarah Weinrauch

Altar Servers: Ruth Hiebert & Nick Schweighardt

Scripture Readers:

Lori Rowat & Sean Pratchler

Intentions: Megan Lueke

Giftbearers:

Sylvia Koski & Marian Wassermann

Memorial Table Attendants:

Janie Taphorn, Marvel Taphorn & Pat Ristau

Music Ministry:

Director - Loretta Schugmann, Organist - Dolores Hinz
& the St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

Honorary Pallbearers: "All those who shared in Liz's life."

INTERMENT:

St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Cemetery Muenster District, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

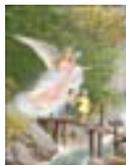
St. Mary's Villa Foundation or St. Gertrude Cemetery Fund

Memorial Luncheon: St. Augustine Parish Hall



Liz, as she was affectionately called, was born on July 8, 1917, to George and Agatha (nee Richels) Taphorn at home on their farm in the St. Gregor district. She grew up there and attended Sjolie and St. Gertrude rural schools. After completing her elementary education, Liz was employed at various farms in the LeRoy area. The strong work ethics she formed in her childhood and youth remained with her and served her well on her life's journey. On November 11, 1941, she married Martin Pratchler. They began their life together on a farm southeast of Muenster. Their union was blessed with two sons. In 1946, Liz and Martin bought a farm one-half mile south of St. Gertrude. Sadly, on October 23, 1948, Martin passed away following a short illness, leaving Liz with two young sons, George (age 6), and Ben (age four). Martin was the first person to be buried at St. Gertrude Cemetery, in the same yard as St. Gertrude Church which he had helped build just a few short years before. Life on the farm was very difficult for a young widow with two small children. Eventually, Liz and her boys moved into Humboldt, where she worked at various locations, doing housecleaning and providing janitorial services at many businesses, including the Humboldt Credit Union for 21 years. When her son George and his family bought the Danish Oven Bakery, she spent innumerable hours helping them wherever she could, working in the back of the bakery or taking care of their children in her home when they were busy. Liz absolutely cherished her grandchildren, so that was truly a labor of love for her. She was truly an amazing mother and grandmother. Liz's home was also a place where everyone else felt welcome. She was a gracious hostess and a very young-at-heart, kind, humble and generous lady who loved having company. The meals and desserts she made were second-to-none, and you certainly never left hungry, even after just stopping in for coffee. Other activities Liz enjoyed were gardening, watching T.V. and, especially, visiting over a game of Rummy or Kaiser. It was a delight to be in her presence; her quick wit, sense of humor, hearty laugh, big smile, and the mischievous twinkle in her eyes endeared her to all. To know her was to love her. She was an inspiration to all and lived the Golden Rule, always putting others before herself. Although Liz experienced many hardships throughout her life, she faced them all with her optimistic attitude and unwavering faith. Throughout her life, she devotedly attended Mass or, in later years, watched it on T.V. when she was unable to go. In 2011, due to failing health, Liz became a resident of Bethany Pioneer Village in Middle Lake and then relocated to St. Mary's Villa, her home until the present.

Left to cherish Liz's memory are her two sons and their families: **GEORGE** (Jenny) Pratchler of Humboldt and family, **Sean** (Madeline) Pratchler and children, **Daniel, Arianna, Aleah** and **Mattaya; Lori** (Victor) Rowat; **Chris** (Janice) Pratchler and children, **Gabrielle** and **Violet; Megan** (Darren) Lueke and son **Sawyer**; and **Sarah** (Darcy) Weinrauch; and **BEN** (Ann) Pratchler of Edmonton, AB, and family, **Kelsey** Pratchler and children **Serenity, Bailey** and **Rayden**; one sister: Emma (Les) Bush of Edmonton, AB; one brother, Joseph "Joe" (Marge) Taphorn of White Rock, BC; sisters-in-law: Elsie (Al) Taphorn-Brown of Armstrong, BC, and Janie Taphorn of Humboldt, SK; brothers-in-law: Lionel "Curly" Fladager of Armstrong, BC, and Levern "Jack" Uliski of Humboldt, SK; and by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Martin Pratchler (1948); father, George Taphorn (1959); mother, Agatha (nee Richels) Taphorn (1965); three brothers: George Taphorn Jr. (1965), Walter "Wally" Taphorn (1997), and John Taphorn (2011); four sisters: Frances Taphorn (in infancy); Agnes Angeli (1987), Catherine "Kay" Fladager (2003), and Rose (Klemm) Uliski (2012); brothers-in-law: Karl Klemm (1989), and Joseph "Joe" Angeli (1997); sister-in-law, Irene Taphorn (2003); special family friend, Karl "Charlie" Ecker (2008); and by one niece and three nephews.



Darling mother guide our footsteps,
 Be with us from day to day,
 All the angels now are calling
 Mother dear has passed away.



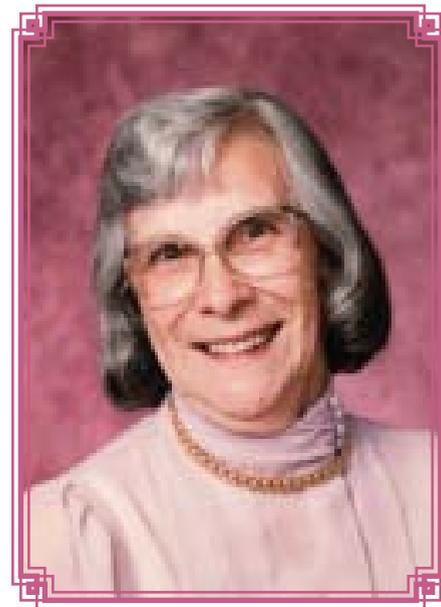
"Gone from our sight - but never our memories.
 Gone from our touch - but never our hearts."

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL
Humboldt, Saskatchewan
"Dedicated to those we serve."

In Loving Memory Of



Elizabeth "Liz" Pratchler

St. Mary's Villa Humboldt, Saskatchewan

BORN:

July 8, 1917

At home on the family farm

St. Gregor District, Saskatchewan

PASSED AWAY:

September 20, 2014

St. Mary's Villa

Humboldt, Saskatchewan

AGE:

97 Years

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21