



## Elsie J. Wilke

June 29, 1918 - June 14, 2011

Elsie was born June 29, 1918 in Three Rivers, MI to the late Herbert and Florence Avery. She grew up in Dowagiac, MI and graduated from Dowagiac High School. Elsie was united in marriage to Arnold E. Wilke on April 15, 1939 at Three Rivers, MI. The couple dairy farmed on the family farm near Waterloo, WS. Elsie helped raise many foster kids while at the farm. In 1958, the couple moved to Little Falls, MN and eventually bought a farm in Darling Township, MN. Elsie was one of the first employees to work at the Lutheran Home in Little Falls when it opened, as a nurses aide. She semi-retired 1983. Elsie continued to provide home health care and baby sitting until retiring in 1993. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls and the Little Falls American Legion Auxiliary Post #46.

Elsie J. Wilke is survived by her daughters, Linda (Donald) Essman of Shenandoah, Virginia and Connie Rabehl of Beaver Dam, WI; sister, Bonnie Schwandt of Beaver Dam, WI; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; special friends Milton & Gloria Swan.

Elsie J. Wilke was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold E. Wilke on May 31, 1993; her parents, Herbert and Florence Avery; a son, Albert Wilke; five sisters; one brother and her son-in-law, Gerald Rabehl.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
901 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie J. Wilke*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *OMG sorry to hear U R gone my sweet Friend, Well U say HI to my MOM Lori Hansen(Rudie) and my Husband Tony Nolte for ME Love Sweetie##imported-begin##Karn Kuchinski##imported-end##*

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June 23, 2011 at 05:38 PM