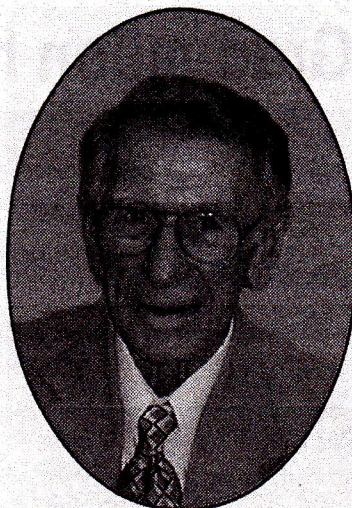


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Ellsworth Christensen



Ellsworth Christensen, 89, died May 11, 2005, at his home in Beresford, S.D. after a courageous 30 year battle with cancer.

Ellsworth Christensen was born May 2, 1916, at Centerville, SD to parents Nels and Helga Christensen.

Ellsworth attended school in the Wakonda area. He married Ruth Christensen on April 27, 1943 in Blythville, AK. Ellsworth was drafted into the US Army in March of 1941 and served at Fort Meade, SD until entering the Army Air Force in March of 1942. He flew 31 bombing missions over Germany as a B-17 pilot and was later a B-29 Instructor until his discharge in 1946. Ellsworth was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. He returned to Viborg, SD where he and Ruth farmed until moving to Idaho in 1955. They farmed in Idaho until 1983 when they retired and moved to Beresford.

Ellsworth was a member of the Beresford Zion United Methodist Church as well as being a lifetime member of the Beresford VFW and American Legion. He

was an avid golfer, bowler, hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and two brothers.

Among those who survive are his wife of 62 years, Ruth Christensen of Beresford; sister-in-law Faith Christensen of Sioux Falls; two brothers: Russell Christensen and wife Marge of Beresford and Dale Christensen and wife Frances of Viborg; brother-in-law Dr. C.W. Sorenson, Salt Lake City, UT; special friends Margie and Jack Sage, Moscow, ID, and Rev. Linda Richards, Farmington, Ill; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Services for Ellsworth Christensen were held Friday, May 13 at the Zion United Methodist Church in Beresford.
