

CHRISTENSEN, Frances (Nielsen)

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Viborg
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Frances Christensen

Frances Christensen was born March 18, 1924, in Viborg, SD, to parents Jens and Jenny (David) Nielsen. She passed away November 12, 2002, at the Bethesda Nursing Home in Beresford, South Dakota, at the age of 78 years.

Frances attended school in the Hurley and Viborg areas. She married Lauris Christensen on October 10, 1941 in Crofton, NE. The couple owned and operated grocery stores in Irene, Wakonda, and Beresford until their retirement in 1981.

Frances was baptized and confirmed in Viborg and was currently a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Beresford. Among her hobbies and interests were golfing, playing bridge, decorating her home, working in her flower garden and making floral arrangements. Frances' greatest joy in life was her family as she loved them very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister in infancy.

Among those who survive and gratefully shared her life are her husband Lauris of Beresford; two sons Steve and his wife June of Seabrook, TX and Craig and his wife Cindy of Beresford; daughter Sharon McElgunn and her husband Pat of Rapid City; six grandchildren: Rick and wife Breana McElgunn, Ryan and wife Stacy McElgunn, and Aricka, Lauren, Nick and Heather Christensen; brother Ray Neilsen and wife Ardell of Viborg; special friends Linda Lillibridge and Alta Jensen; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were Friday, November 15, 2002 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Beresford with Rev. Robert Hansen officiating. Grace Kennedy was the organist.

Honorary Casket Bearers were Rick McElgunn, Aricka Christensen, Nick Christensen, Ryan McElgunn, Lauren Christensen, and Heather Christensen.
