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Burdell Christensen

Burdell Jens Christensen was born July 2, 1926 at Viborg. His parents were Evertt and Christena (Jensen) Christensen.

He grew up in Viborg and attended Viborg High School. He was inducted into the US Army in March, 1945 and was discharged in November of 1946. He returned to Viborg and worked for Winthers Blacksmith Shop. He then worked for Turner Hutchinson Electric Co. for 35 years. He married Erna Laackmann on August 18, 1963 at the First Baptist Church in Viborg. He was a member of the Baptist Church since 1941, a member of the VFW, Masonic Lodge, and was a volunteer on the Viborg Fire Dept. for 42 years. He loved to hunt and fish, tinker with motors, and have coffee with his friends.

Burdell passed away on October 31, 1996 at his home of cancer. He had attained the age of 70.

"Burdy"

He lived in a world of his own without jewels, glitter or too much extra fuss. He had a special quiet warmth for his children, especially his grandchildren; priorities were his daughter, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters. He called and talked to grandsons often, as well as his sons; no one had a closer spot.

He had a special communication with his twin brother, and almost all dogs in town. He loved old shoes that fit, half-dirty jeans and sweatshirt jackets. He loved being unshaven (if he got past his wife) and his hair was often tousled. He was not here to impress this world.

He loved greeting old friends each day and drinking too much coffee. He loved cars that were good enough to get him just around town and around Swan Lake. He loved his First Baptist Church and never had any fancy words to express his faith except by his attendance, his handshake and a sincere love of people.

Thanks be to God for our 33 years together. We had struggles, battles and victories. His town was included as his family.

In Christ, we will meet again. He fought a good fight.

He lived his life - as he died - very quietly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 granddaughter, Christa Faith.

Burdell is survived by his wife Erna of Viborg; 2 sons Douglas and wife Donna of Rapid City and Mike of Mayport, FL; 1 daughter Kerstin and husband Dale Schempp of Sioux Falls; 4 grandchildren Bethany, Laura, Joseph, and Daniel; 1 brother Burnell of

Viborg; 1 sister Marcella Lohan of Canton; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Monday, November 4, 1996 at First Baptist Church, Viborg with Pastor Lawrence Christensen officiating.

Pallbearers were Bob Goodhope, Evert Fredricks, Bob Dubbelde, Charles Olsen, Lee Ebbesen, Don Pedersen. Interment was at Baptist Cemetery, Viborg.