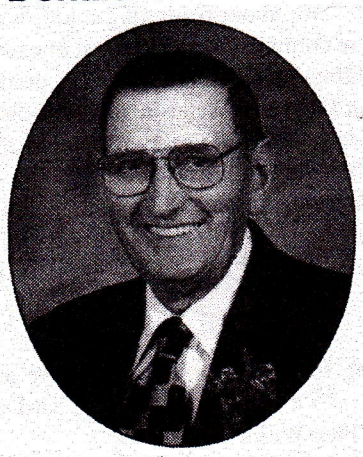
CHRISTENSEN, Donald Earl

April 23, 1931
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April 9, 2005
Viborg

Donald Christensen



Donald Earl Christensen, 73 (two weeks short of 74), died Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg, South Dakota. Donald was born April 23, 1931 at home in rural Freeman, SD to Sam and Alma Christensen. He was baptized in Salem Lutheran Church on May 3, 1931.

He graduated from Freeman High School in 1949. He married Maxine Stern, also from Freeman, on November 16, 1951. Three children were born to this union: David, Diane, and Dawn.

Donald farmed near Freeman, drove Freeman School bus for 13 years, did custom work for neighbors, hauled hay with a stack mover and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Donald was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and served as usher, trustee, and treasurer. He received a Safe Driver's Award when driving school bus for Freeman and was a member of the Haystack Movers Association.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Maxine Christensen of Viborg; SD, his son, David of Norfolk, Nebraska and his step children Didi (Brad), Mike (Angel), Chris and their children Morgan, Caleb, Kaitlen, Grayson, and Bridger; daughter Diane and her husband Rich Wirth of Hurley, SD and their children Jason and Brian; daughter Dawn and her husband Sam Makram of Sioux Falls, SD and her stepson Mason; two brothers Jerome and Leo of Hurley, SD; a sister-in-law Ruth of Marion, SD; and a host of nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Sam Jr., Alvin, sister-in-law Lois, and step great grandchildren McKenna and Sage.

Funeral services were held at Salem Free Lutheran Church on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 with Rev. Mike Klenner officiating.

Pallbearers were Jason Wirth, Brian Wirth, Steve Christensen, Roland Svartoien, Mike Jasperson, and Mason Makram. Interment was at the Salem Community Cemetery.

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