

CHRISTENSEN, Raymond James

October 19, 1920
Hurley
March 21, 1997
Sioux Falls

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Christensen was born October 19, 1920 at Hurley. His parents were Walter and Ragna Christensen.

He grew up in the Hurley area and then served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Evelyn Jacobson on October 10, 1951 at Viborg. They lived in the Rapid City and Custer area where he worked for a lumber yard. They moved to a farm west of Viborg in 1959. They retired and moved east of Viborg and he continued working as a custodian for the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. They moved into Centerville in the early 1990's.

Ray passed away on March 21, 1997 at the Veteran's Hospital in Sioux Falls. He had attained the age of 76.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ray is survived by his wife Evelyn of Centerville; 1 daughter Valarie and husband Glen Fischer of Centerville; 4 grandchildren John Fischer of Denver, CO, Tammy O'Brien of Tomball, TX, Angela Uttecht of Alpena, SD, and Jennifer Brewster of Sioux Falls, SD; 5 great-grandchildren Michael O'Brien, Valarie O'Brien, Lauren Uttecht, Andrew Uttecht, and Carter Brewster; 1 sister Elna Heim of Centerville; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Monday, March 24, 1997 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating.

Pallbearers were Darren Brewster, David Uttecht, Rodney Ness, Robbie Ness, Donald Frier, Lee Ebbesen. Interment was at Holland Cemetery, Centerville.