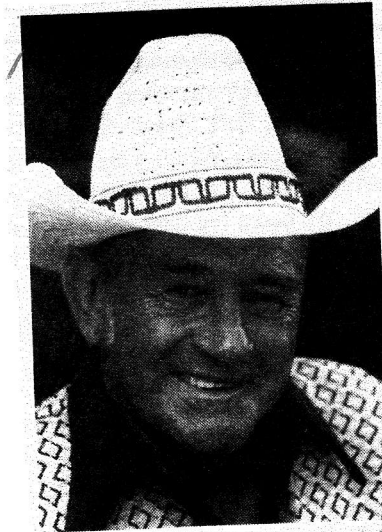


CHRISTOPHERSON, Ellwood G. "Buck"

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Ellwood "Buck"
Christopherson

Ellwood "Buck" G. Christopherson, 79, Sturgis, died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at his residence.

Ellwood was born October 27, 1928, at Viborg, SD, to Andrew and May (Jensen) Christopherson. He was educated in Viborg before attending high school in Hurley. He dropped out of school to farm for his family during WWII. He joined the US Navy at age 17 and achieved the rank of Seaman 1st Class and was honorably discharged on December 17, 1947. He met Gloria Jensen. They dated two years, and were married on September 25, 1950, in Viborg. They lived in Viborg and Hurley until 1977 when they moved to Sundance, WY, where Ellwood worked in coal mines. His health forced him to then work in construction and work with the forest service. He retired in 1998 and moved to Sturgis.

Ellwood enjoyed working on cars. He had a passion for roses, especially climbing roses, and tomatoes. He also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, and taking his grandsons fishing and camping. Ellwood loved to spend time driving around on back roads and watching the farmers in the spring and fall. His largest love was his family.

He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Christopherson, Sturgis; five sons, Andrew (Jacque) Christopherson, Sioux Falls, SD, Larry (Nancy) Christopherson, Spearfish, SD, Merle (Deb) Christopherson, Gillette, WY, Terry Christopherson, Gillette, WY, and Rick (Judy) Christopherson, Elk Mountain, WY; one daughter, Bonnie (Larry) Sorensen, Lennox, SD; twelve grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Earl and Harry; one sister, Viola; two infant siblings, one daughter, Sharon; and one infant granddaughter, Sarah.