

CHRISTENSEN, Gladys Marion (Jacobsen)

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Gladys Christensen

Private family memorial service for Gladys Marion Christensen, 79, of Aberdeen was held Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, Aberdeen. Burial of her cremated remains will be at Black Hills National Cemetery, near Sturgis, S.D., at a later date.

Online guest book can be signed at www.schriversemorial.com.

Gladys passed away peacefully with her family by her side Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

Gladys Marion Jacobsen was born July 26, 1929, to Anton and Jessie (Petersen) Jacobsen in rural Turner County, S.D. She attended rural schools and graduated from Viborg High School. Gladys also received a teaching certificate and taught rural schools for several years.

Gladys married Bert A. Christensen Jr. Sept. 30, 1951, at Viborg.

Bert entered the U.S. Navy and was stationed at San Francisco where they lived for a short time. After his discharge, they returned to the Canton area. Due to Bert's employment, they lived in various places throughout South Dakota. He retired in 1991 and they moved to Aberdeen at that time. Bert passed away in February 2001 and Gladys has continued to make Aberdeen her home.

Gladys enjoyed the outdoors, going fishing and especially spending time with her family.

Surviving Gladys are her four children, Brenda (Michael) Muehlenhardt of Klamath Falls, Ore., Sandra (Donald) Heupel of Maple Grove, Minn., RoxAnne

(Bryan) Lunzman of Hecla, S.D., and Bret (Brenda) Christensen of Aberdeen; two sisters, Alyce Hammerstrom of Canton, S.D., and Doris (Ray) Helgager of Aberdeen; two sisters-in-law, Grace (Ray) Westergaard of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Joyce Pervuznik of Hammit, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Meghan, Amanda, Katrina, Lauren, Bryce, Nicholas, Travis and Cole; and three great-grandchildren, Cael Skylar and Phoenyx.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 50 years; and one brother, Robert Jacobsen.