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Dale K. Christensen was born November 17, 1918 on a farm in rural Centerville. His parents were Nels Carl and Helga (Christiansen) Christensen.

He graduated from Wakonda High School in 1937. He served in the US Army during WWII as a X-ray technician in Brazil. Dale married Frances Pate on June 1, 1946 in Hot Springs, AK. After their marriage, they farmed in the Wakonda and Irene area. They moved into Viborg in 1968 where Dale worked as a maintenance engineer at Pioneer Memorial Hospital until his retirement in 1991. Dale enjoyed baseball, softball, bowling, golf and pitching horseshoes. Being a clown was his favorite thing to do as he loved making people laugh. He loved children and to some he was called the "candyman" as he always carried candy in his pocket. He entertained children by making up stories, songs, making faces and imitating animal sounds.

Dale passed away on June 4, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Nurs-

ing Home in Viborg. He had attained the age of 90.

Dale is survived by his wife Frances of Viborg; 1 daughter Dianne Lida of Red Bank, NJ; 3 grandchildren, Westley Lida, Douglas Lida, and Emily Perry; 3 great-grandchildren Myles and Marquis Lida and Savannah Perry; 1 brother Russell Christensen of Sioux Falls; and one sister-in-law Ruth Christensen of Beresford; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Monday, June 8th, 2009 at 1:30 at the First Baptist Church, Viborg. Pastor Daryl Dachtler officiated. Organist was Kathy Olsen, Soloist was Monica Saylor.

Honorary Pallbearers: Westley Lida, Douglas Lida, Emily Perry, Karen Nelson Albers, Carol Nelson Miles, Craig Nelson, Brett Nelson, Amy Nelson Freed. Pallbearers: Clark Christensen, Bruce Christensen, Jerry Jensen, Joe Neiles, Terry Jensen and Ross Petersen.

Interment as held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Irene. Present were the SD National Honor Guard with David Kuch, Buglar.