

KNUDSEN, Esther Marie (Christenson) Reutter

May 11, 1909
Ross, North Dakota
June 17, 1999
Sioux Falls

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Esther Reutter Knudsen

Esther Reutter Knudsen, age 90, formerly of Huron, died Thursday evening, June 17, 1999 at the Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls at the age of 90. Her funeral service was Monday, June 21, 1999 at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Huron, with Rev. Mark Gustafson officiating.

Esther Marie Christenson was born in a log cabin on a homestead in Ross, North Dakota on May 11, 1909 to Bolton and Ruth Peterson Christenson. As a child she moved with her family to a farm near Irene, SD. she graduated from Gayville High School in 1927. Esther received her teaching certificate from Yankton College and later received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Huron College.

Esther married Delbert Reutter on June 29, 1929 and moved to Huron, where they raised their family. Delbert passed away on July 22, 1965. On November 27, 1982 she married John Knudsen and moved to Viborg, SD. He passed away on July 12, 1988. She moved to Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls in June of 1997, where she was currently living.

Esther was very active in the Congregational United Church in Huron, receiving a 65 year membership pin. One of the highlights of her life was spending summers managing Placerville Church Camp in the Black Hills with her husband Delbert. While in Huron she was also active P.E.O.

Survivors include her son, Robert (Terri) Reutter, of Ashby, MN; two daughters, Ruth (Russell) Voorhees, of Phoenix, AZ, and Pam (Robert) Bittner, of Sioux Falls; two step-children, Cleo Benson, of Viborg and Larry Knudsen, of Longmont, CO; 12 grandchildren, Bob and Beth Reutter, Leslie, Erick, and Matt Earl; Tim, Ryan, Jay and Chris Voorhees; Becky, Kari and Matt Bittner; eight great-grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.