

PETERSON, Alpie Amy "Toots" (Larson)

October 26, 1918
Stockholm SD
June 3, 2013
Viborg

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**ALPHIE "TOOTS"
PETERSON**



Alpie "Toots" Peterson, 94, died June 3, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. Services were held Friday at United Methodist Church in Viborg with Pastor Steve Unzicker, Officiating. Interment: Rosehill Cemetery Viborg, South Dakota

Alpie A. "Toots" Peterson was born in Stockholm, SD on October 26, 1918 to Lars and Katie (Thompson) Larson. She passed away June 3, 2013, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Health Services.

When Alpie was 17 years old she moved to Viborg and worked as an operator at the telephone office on Main Street. She was the bookkeeper at the Scandinavian Co-Op Creamery for 23 years.

Alpie married J. Merle Peterson on July 10, 1949 at the Methodist Church in Viborg. They owned the Spot Café and the City Café.

Without ever having a music lesson, she played the accordion for dances in the 1930's and served as the church organist for 47 years. Alpie was a member of United Methodist Women and she and her friends made many hundreds of aebleskiver for Danish Days. One of the proudest moments in the life of Merle and Toots was leading the 1993 Viborg Centennial parade during the term they served as Mayor and First Lady of Viborg. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Her passion in recent years has been helping to establish the Daneville Heritage Museum to preserve the history, documents, and artifacts of the early pioneer settlers of the Viborg area. She enjoyed planting flowers, playing "marbles" and having a cup of coffee and a sugar cookie with friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Corinne (Marlyn)

Christensen of Mitchell; two grandsons, Eric and Carl; two great-grandsons, Skyler and Shaye; brother-in-law, Palmer (Marjorie) Peterson; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Paulson and Margaret Peterson; and special niece, Becky Zirpel.