

NIELSEN, Josephine Marie (Olesen)

May 28, 1925
rural Viborg
died: early June of 2006
Sioux Falls

Josephine Nielsen



Josephine Marie Olesen, was born May 28, 1925 to Holger and Anna Olesen of Viborg, South Dakota. Jo lived most of her life in Viborg and Sioux Falls. She graduated from Viborg High School in 1943. After high school, she worked at Security National Bank.

She was married to Norman

W. "Doc" Nielsen on October 13, 1944. Together they made their home on a farm in rural Center-ville where they lived, worked, and raised three children. After moving to Viborg, Jo resumed her career in banking for several years before moving to Sioux Falls in 1982 where she continued her work at Citibank until her retirement in 1990.

Jo was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls and a former member of the First Baptist Church of Viborg. She enjoyed traveling, dancing, snowmobiling, and family gatherings.

The center of Grandma Jo's life was her children, grandchildren, extended family, and large circle of friends. Her vibrant and infectious personality, care and compassion for others, and deep rooted love for her family is how she will be remembered.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Larry and his wife Gail, Viborg, Jim and his wife Janelle, Madison, SD, Peggy and her husband Bret Freemole, Greeley, CO, a brother Wesley and his wife Jenola, Hurley, SD, two sisters, Margie Kahler- Bryant and Opal Allen of MI. Her memory will also be cherished by her six grandchildren, Chris, Carrie and her husband Mark Ernster, Bret, Tom and his wife Erin, Jenna, McKensie, one great-granddaughter, Camdyn, as well as special friends Tracy Kurth, Ben Fujan, and Amelia Jensen.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Erma Unruh and Ruby Nelson, and Doc Nielsen.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Monday, June 5, 2006 at First Baptist Church in Viborg with interment at Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation begins at 4:00 pm Sunday with a prayer service at 4:00 pm Sunday at Miller West Funeral Chapel, 6200 W. 41st Street in Sioux Falls.

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