

M. Jean Christensen, 80

June 1, 1934 - Feb. 20, 2015

HARLAN — Marjorie Jean Christensen was born on June 1, 1934, to Roy and Margaret (Petersen) Larsen in Harlan and was baptized at the Bethel Baptist Church. She graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1952 and became a nurse's aide at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs and later worked as an office assistant for Dr. Spearing.

Jeanie was united in marriage to Donald Christensen on May 16, 1952, at Bethel Baptist Church and shortly afterwards, became charter members of First Baptist Church in Harlan.

They became parents to two children: Jeffrey and Jennifer. Along with attending her children's activities, Jean loved going to car shows but not as much as she loved being in the stands watching her husband race stock cars. She could also be found sewing and quilting for family members and friends. Red cardinals were her favorite and because her father was a mail carrier, she had a fondness for mailboxes. Jeanie retired in 1992 and kept busy with church and other activities. She was admitted to Myrtue Medical Center on Friday, February 20, 2015 where she died having attained the age of eighty years, eight months, and nineteen days.

Jeanie was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of nearly sixty-three years, Donald Christensen of Harlan; son Jeffrey Christensen and his wife Kerri of Schuyler, NE; daughter Jennifer and her husband Jerry Christensen of Castle Rock, CO; five grandchildren: Justin Christensen and his wife Natalie of Blair, NE, Jesse Christensen and his wife Melissa of Lincoln, NE, Maggie and her husband Jared Fichtl of Omaha, NE, Jacob Christensen and his wife Jamie of Blair, NE, and Joni and her husband Matt Clements of Bennington, NE; sixteen great-grandchildren: Tayte, Rowan, Greta, Hattie, Makenna, Aftan, Aariah, Kali, Liby, Malia, Trapper, Lane, Kyler, Camden, Easton, and Everett; other family members and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Hawn on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Harlan. Justin Christensen, Jesse Christensen, Dwayne Hemminger, Jared Fichtl, Matt Clements and Jacob Christensen served as casket bearers. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.



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