

Norma "Besta" Christensen, 79

Nov. 27, 1922 - July 23, 2002

BEND, OR – Norma Paulsen Christensen was born in Chicago, IL, to Jacobine Petrea Christensen and Soren Peter Paulsen.

She married Arion D. Christensen in 1941, in Rockport, MO. They celebrated 62 years together. The couple spent the first 10 years of their married life in Harlan, then in 1951, moved to Applegate Valley in southern Oregon where they raised their six children. She was a member of the Applegate Community Church. She died at her home from Alzheimer's July 23, 2002, at age 79.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Paulsen.

In addition to her husband, Arion, she is survived by her children and their spouses, Rebecca and Scott Richards of Park City, UT; David and Karen Christensen of Laguna Niguel, CA; J.D. and Debbie Christensen of Park City, UT; Dan and Nan Christensen of Bend, OR; John and Cheryl Christensen of Medford, OR; Paul "Scott" and Dee Ayna Christensen of Snohomish, WA; eight grandchildren, Beckie, Andrea, Ian, Corrine, Sydney, Charlie, Sam and Joss, and one great grandchild, Jackson; and three sisters, Glenda Hansen, Lillian Paulsen and Gerda Christensen.

A private funeral service was held at Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home in Grants Pass, OR, with burial in the Sparlin Cemetery in Williams, OR. Niswonger, Reynolds & Tabor Funeral Home, Bend, OR, in charge of arrangements.

