



Shirley Christensen

February 21, 1937 - April 10, 2024

Shirley A. Christensen, 87, of Gwinner, ND passed away April 10, 2024 at Four Seasons Healthcare, Forman, ND.

She was born in Oakes, ND on February 21, 1937 to Irving and Anna (Swanson) Preble. Because of the weather conditions, Shirley and her mother took the train to Shuman township, and her brother went by horse and buggy and met the train to bring them home. She was baptized at Milnor Lutheran Church and confirmed at Nordland Lutheran Church in Forman. Her mom passed away in July, a few months after she was born, and Shirley went to live with her brother and his wife in Crete. After her dad remarried, she went to live with them on a farm near Forman. Shirley attended Shuman township rural school near Rutland and Milnor until the 4th grade when she went to Havana. On July 2, 1953, she married Donald Christensen. They lived in Campbell, MN and Oakes, ND before moving to Gwinner in 1959. Shirley was employed at Dahl's Super Valu for 19 years and at Waloch Café for 15 years. Donald passed away March 15, 2011.

Shirley loved following her kids and grandkids sports, never missing a game. Shirley and Donald also loved square dancing. She was a member of G.A. Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children Randy (Darlene Buchholz) Christensen, Sandra Huffar, Timothy (Jolene) Christensen, Bryan Christensen, Doug (Trudi) Christensen and Wes Christensen; her brother, Fred Preble; and several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald, siblings, Clemence, Lorraine, Wanda, Lowell and Mary Lou, son-in-law, Kenny Huffar, grandson Cody, and baby great-grandson Kenny.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 4:00 p.m. at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner. The funeral service will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at G.A. Lutheran Church followed by burial at Gwinner Cemetery near Gwinner. Shirley's service will be live streamed.