

Hazel M. Christensen was born on Reckard ranch north of Dunn Center on October 9, 1919, the daughter of Benjamin F. "Frank" and Reidun (Loraas) Reckard. She grew up on the family ranch north of Dunn Center. She rode horseback almost every day to Connolly #1 Country School, and went on graduating from Dunn Center High School in 1937. Hazel went on to work on the Connolly Ranch, where she met her husband. On October 8, 1940, Hazel married Curtiss Christensen at Normanna Lutheran Church. They then moved back to the Christensen family ranch north of Dunn Center. It was here that they made their home and raised their three children. Hazel made her home on the ranch for nearly 75 years before moving to Bismarck in 2014. Curtiss and Hazel enjoyed working side by side on the ranch, she enjoyed riding horseback whenever she got a chance. She liked to knit, especially sweaters, and to cross stitch. She had a love for reading and doing crossword puzzles as well. Hazel was very proud of her Norwegian Heritage. Hazel is survived by her children, Delmonte (Sally) Christensen of Minot, ND, Eldon Christensen of Kalispell, MT, Lucy Fleckenstein of Bismarck; four grandchildren, Dennis (Theresa) Christensen of Lowell, MI, Tanya Christensen Wayne of Portland, OR, Matthew C. (Jessica) Christensen of Columbia, SC, E. Todd (Shelly) Christensen of Kalispell, MT; seven great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Pamela Reckard. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Curtiss "Curt" Christensen (2006); a brother Ben Reckard, sisters; Irene (Werner) Sather and Dorothy (Oliver) Light. Son-in-law, Pete Fleckenstein. And a great-grandson, Mathew T. Christensen.



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October 9, 1919 - March 28, 2022



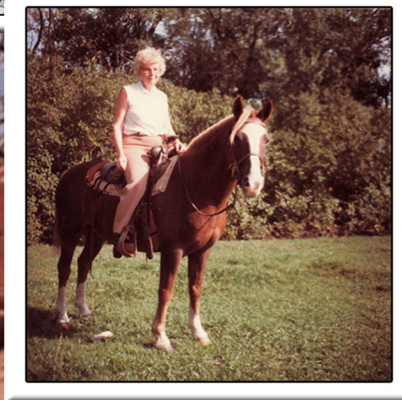
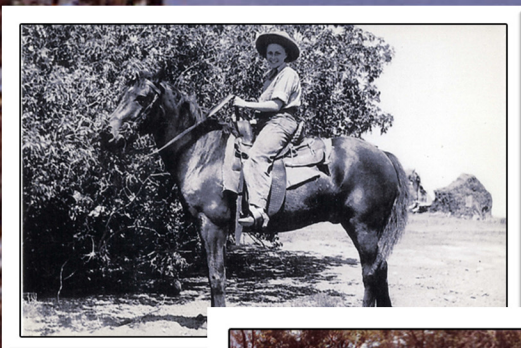
In 1919 the Great War had just ended, Prohibition went into effect, women couldn't vote, Daylight Saving Time was introduced, over 185,000 people died in the 3rd wave of the flu pandemic, and my grandmother Hazel was born.

102 years of age with over 10 decades of memories: the things she must have seen, the struggles she overcame, the family she raised, the wisdom, strength and resilience she gained, and the unconditional love she gave. A life worth celebrating indeed.

As a child when I heard the word "Grandma", I immediately thought of lefse, homemade buns, playing card games, cross stitching, cuddling with the barn cars, feeding the horses, looking for Native American arrowheads and picking wild tiger lilies in the open pastures... all the things that a North Dakota kid could relate to and all the things that create feelings of nostalgia as an adult.

I called my grandmother yesterday to let her know I was thinking about her and to tell her that I loved her....and a few hours later she earned her wings. Today my heart is heavy, but my soul is strong, for I know she is finally at peace and in a better place.

"There are things that we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go." - Unknown



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GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

Friday, April 8, 2022 1:00 pm

Dunn Center Cemetery

Dunn Center, North Dakota

VISITATION:

Friday, April 8, 2022 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Stevenson Funeral Home

Killdeer, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Mathew Christensen

PALLBEARERS:

Harold Voigt

Zane Voigt

Lee Voigt

Tanya Christensen Wayne

Dennis Christensen

E. Todd Christensen

INTERMENT:

Dunn Center Cemetery

Dunn Center, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home

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A meal will be served at Normanna Lutheran Church following the graveside service.

Everyone is welcome.