

Velma Christensen

SEQUIM — Celebration of the life of Velma Christensen, 86, of Sequim will be at 11 a.m. July 26, 1997 in the Gardiner Community Center building with a potluck luncheon following. Members of Rhododendron Grange will be in charge, and Mrs. Christensen will be buried beside her husband in the Rhododendron Grange Cemetery at Gardiner. She died Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, in Missoula, Mont., where she had moved in October 1995 because of ill health.

She was born Oct. 24, 1910, in Columbus, Mont., to Paul and Emma (Stoltenberg) Anderson. She married George Franklin Christensen Dec. 19, 1936, in Columbus, Mont.; he died March 3, 1996.

She was a registered nurse who came to Sequim in 1969, after living in Indonesia with her husband for a post-retirement position. The couple built a home at Diamond Point.

In addition to being a communicant of Trinity Methodist Church in Sequim, Mrs. Christensen was an active member of Grange, at all four levels, as well as being a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by son Robert of Ashton, Idaho, and daughters Kathleen Squires and Cecelia, both of Missoula, Mont.; brother Ewan and sisters Ruth Poet and Pauline Michael, all of Montana; and 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Brother Ennis and sister June Ruff preceded her in death.

Memorials are suggested to Rhododendron Grange Scholarship Fund, c/o Mary Stewart, 30 Spring View Place, Sequim, WA 98382.

Wayne C. Hall

Velma A. Christensen

Services were held Nov. 30 for Velma A. Christensen, of Sequim, who died Nov. 29, 1996. She was 86.

Mrs. Christensen was born Oct. 26, 1910, in Columbus, Mont., to Emma Stoltenberg and Paul Anderson. She was raised on the family farm in Columbus. After high school graduation, she attended Bathesda School of Nursing, in St. Paul, Minn., where she graduated as a registered nurse.

She and George Christensen met and married when she worked as a nurse in Yellowstone Park. Her husband worked for the U.S. Forest Service and they were assigned to Coeur d'Alene and Princeton, Idaho and Curlew Wash. In Curlew, Mrs. Christensen was the county health nurse and the coroner. She worked at a local clinic in Colville, Wash. and at the University of Montana Student Health Center and the Missoula County Health Department. She also worked at Northern Pacific Hospital in Missoula.

After retirement, the Christensens were sent by the United Nations to Indonesia, where they spent one year. The remainder of their retirement was spent at Diamond Point.

Mrs. Christensen is survived by two daughters, Cecelia Christensen and Kathleen Squires, both of Missoula, and a son, Bob Christensen, of Ashton, Idaho, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, June Ruff and brother, Enos Anderson.

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