



*In Loving Memory*  
**Jerry Christensen**

*Born to Bruce & Lena Christensen*  
July 2, 1935 ~ Williston, North Dakota

*Returned to His Heavenly Father*  
September 21, 2020 ~ Fargo, North Dakota

*Memorial Service*  
Saturday, October 3, 2020, 11:00 AM  
First Lutheran Church  
Williston, North Dakota

*Officiating*  
Pastor Jeanne Madsen

*Special Remarks*  
Julia Christensen ~ Granddaughter

*Music*  
"Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"  
"How Great Thou Art" & "Amazing Grace"  
Mark Pettersen ~ Vocalist    Meriel Lora ~ Accompanist

*Urn Bearers*  
Dennis Grondahl    Gary Routh    Tammy Andre  
Kent Lynch        Ron Black    Mitch Fearing

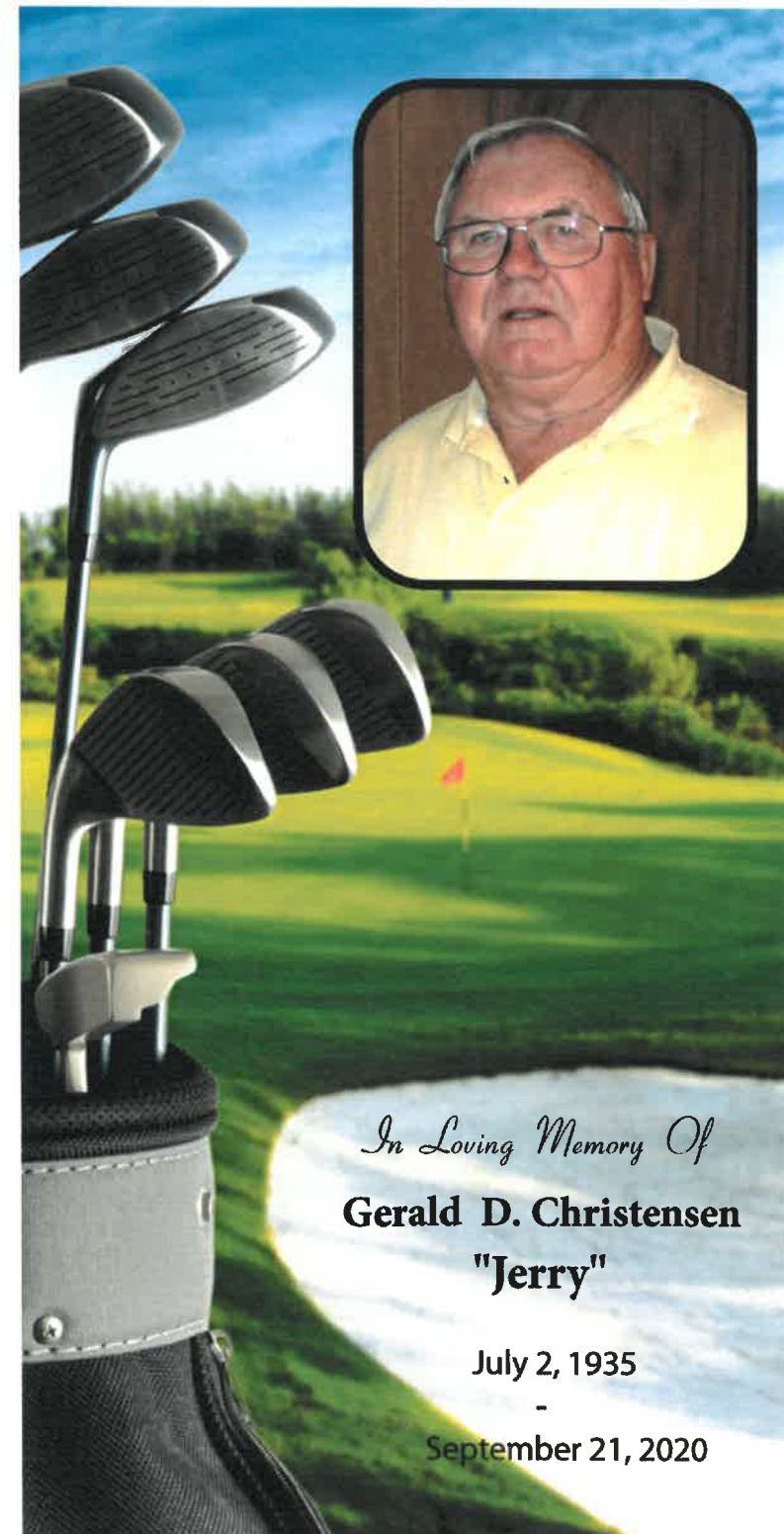
*Honorary Urn Bearers*  
All of Jerry's Family & Friends

*Military Rites*  
North Dakota Honor Guard

*Final Resting Place*  
Riverview Cemetery ~ Williston, North Dakota

*Arrangements By*  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, ND

Williston  
**Disco**  
with **ChrisCo**



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**Gerald D. Christensen**  
**"Jerry"**

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Gerald Duane Christensen was born at the Good Samaritan Hospital on July 2, 1935 to Bruce Christensen and Lena (Sannes) Christensen of Cow Creek Township. The delivering doctor just happened to be named Dr. Dochterman. He was confirmed at 1st Lutheran Church in Williston, North Dakota.

Jerry's Dad passed away when he was 18 months old. After a struggle to save the farm in the dirty thirties, they moved to Williston. Jerry

attended Central School and graduated from Williston High School with the class of 1953.

When he was 15, he secured the position of Bell Hop at the new Plainsman Hotel in 1950, the beginning of the 1st of 3 oil booms in which he would work. His first boss was Wilbur Robb who became a lifelong friend.

Jerry joined the National Guard as a senior and served 8 years attaining the rank of M/Sgt. On Band Day 1951 he met a darinet



player from Grenora by the name of JoAnne Pedersen and began a long courtship with them marrying November 24, 1956 in Grenora, North Dakota. They honeymooned in Plentywood, Montana overnight and returned to Williston to go to work on Monday.

He started his Oilfield career with National Supply in Williston, transferring to Casper, Wyoming, as a Field Salesman, then managed stores at Newcastle, Wyoming, Baker, Montana and back to Williston in 1967. His experiences in Williston included working with Red Adair providing materials to stem a

blowout at a well near Sidney, Montana. Jerry also farmed in the 70's with a family partnership called Chicago Pedersen Farms.



While in Williston he served on the United Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the First Lutheran Church Council, Co-Chairman of the 25th Anniversary of the discovery of oil in North Dakota and Chairman of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Williston Chapter.

Jerry transferred to Houston, Texas in 1978 as Regional Manager of South Texas and Northern Louisiana, returning to Williston in 1980 as Northern Regional Manager. Taking early retirement in 1987 he formed ChrisCo Oilfield Specialty, later joined by his son Steve, until selling the business and retiring from the oil patch in the same building in which he started his career.

Jerry and JoAnne enjoyed their winter home in Sun City, Arizona for over 20 years. Playing golf was the favorite pastime and he scored the first hole in one at Number 17 at the Links of North Dakota. Family bragging rights had to be shared with JoAnne when she aced the same hole during a tournament.



Jerry and Joanne enjoyed trips to Boston, Norway, Scotland, Hawaii, Disney World, Key West, Mexico, Las Vegas and an Alaskan Cruise. His last trip was with the whole family on a houseboat in July to International Falls, Minnesota, which created many happy memories.

Jerry was a member of American Petroleum Institute, ELKS, Moose Lodge #239, American Legion and Associate member of American Lutheran Church, Sun City, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Florence Mildred Geise and Beatrice Nehring; brothers, Bruce, Earl, Ernest, Ronald and Robert.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years; his children, Steve (Amie) Christensen, granddaughters Julia and Sophia Christensen, Williston, Jill Christensen, Williston, Craig (Lori) Christensen, grandchildren Brady and Hanna, Post Falls, Idaho, and Matthew (Thelma) Causey and their son Elijah, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sister, Hazel Johnson; sister-in-law, Mary Christensen; special cousin, Elwood Adams, and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry loved his maker, his family, the oil patch, golf, music and all his friends.



## The Chain

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We knew little that morning  
That God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
That day God called you HOME.  
You left us  
*peaceful memories,*  
Your love is still our guide:  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are ALWAYS at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again

