

Phyllis was born August 1, 1928, Dakota City, IA to Luther and Carrie (Wilhelm) Colbert. She started school in Iowa before her family moved to Richey, MT. After school, Phyllis worked in the Café in Richey, MT. Phyllis was united in marriage to John "Jack" Carlsen on November 11, 1946 in Sidney, MT. After the marriage they spent many years farming on East Red Water and Long Grass Creek. Later they moved in to Crestwood in Sidney. After her husband passed away in July of 2005, Phyllis continued to live in Sidney and due to failing health Phyllis was moved into Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Phyllis was an active member of the American Lutheran Church and the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Richey. When Phyllis was living on the farm, she fell in love with raising chickens, and she treated them as her extended family. She also raised a big garden and she canned everything she produced. Phyllis baked every day; bread and pies, always from scratch. In their younger years, Phyllis and Jack enjoyed going to community dances and gatherings, especially when the Red Water Ranchers Band was playing, her husband Jack was a member of the band.

Phyllis passed away on Saturday, January 1 2022, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT.

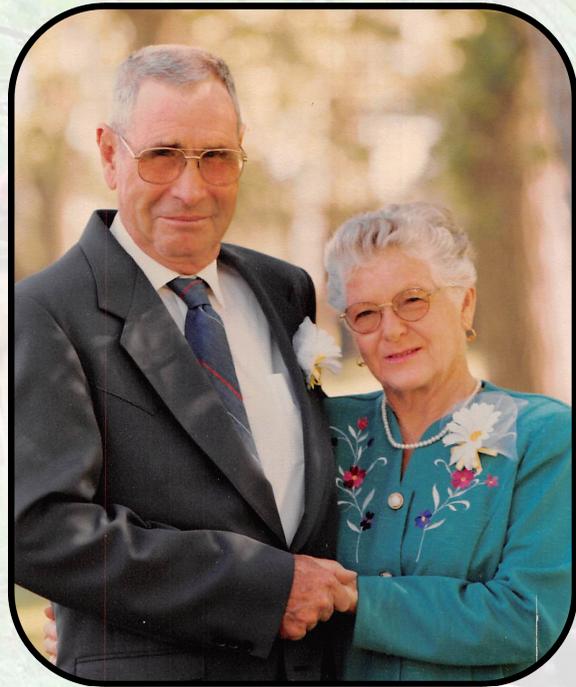
She is survived by: two sons, Les (Sally) Carlsen, Circle, MT and Jim (Jamie) Carlsen, Sidney, MT; daughter-in-law, Patti Carlsen, Sidney, MT; son-in-law, Mike Landers, Miles City, MT ; brother, William (Violet) Colbert, Richey, MT; six grandchildren, Travis (Stephanie) Landers, Levi (Jessica) Landers, Jesse Carlsen (Sheila Kitzan), Laramie (Ryan) Dean Young, James (Jennifer) Carlsen, and Jacob (Tara) Carlsen; numerous great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband John "Jack"; daughter Pat Landers; son Terry Carlsen; grandson Cody Carlsen; and great grandson Cage Landers.



*In Loving Memory of  
Phyllis Carlsen  
August 1, 1928 - January 1, 2022*





# Phyllis Carlsen

**Born to Luther & Carrie Colbert**  
August 1, 1928~Dakota City, Iowa

**Passed Away**  
January 1, 2022~Sidney, Montana

**Funeral Services**  
10:00AM Saturday January 8, 2022  
American Lutheran Church  
Richey, Montana

**Officiating**  
Pastor Audrey Rydbom

**Music**  
Vicki Vaira

**Scripture Readings**  
Lorraine Whiteman

**Casketbearers**  
Jacob Carlsen    Travis Landers    James Carlsen  
Jesse Carlsen    Isaac Carlsen

**Honorary Casketbearers**  
Phyllis' Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**Ushers**  
Roy Fatzinger    Jim Whiteman

**Final Resting Place**  
Grandview Cemetery  
Poplar, Montana

## *Drinking From My Saucer*

*Life has had many challenges, lately and right now;  
But I don't worry about that much.*

*I'm happy anyhow.*

*As I go along life's journey.  
I'm reaping more than I sowed;  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
cause my cup has overflowed.*

*Don't have a lot of riches;  
so sometimes the going's rough;  
But I have some friends who love me;  
that make me rich enough*

*I just thank God for his blessings  
And the gifts that he's bestowed;  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I remember times when things went wrong  
And my faith got a little thin;  
But sure enough the dark clouds broke  
And the sun broke through again.*

*So God, help me not to gripe about.  
The tough rows that I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
cause my cup has overflowed.*

*So if God gives me the courage when the  
way gets steep and rough  
I won't ask for another blessing.*

*I'm already blessed enough.  
May I never be too busy to help another bear his load;  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer  
Cause my cup has overflowed.*