



Phyllis Kay Christensen was born January 3, 1946 to Frank and Irene (Smith) Hanson in Powers Lake, North Dakota. She was raised on the family farm and educated in Clayton Township, Burke County. She attended Coteau School and graduated from Bowbells High School in 1964. In 1965 Phyllis attended Minot Business College.

On February 11, 1966 Phyllis was united in marriage to Gary Christensen. The couple made their first home in Minot until 1969 when they moved to Coon Rapids, MN. In 1971 the family moved to Coulee, North Dakota for 11 months and then to Donnybrook, North Dakota. In 1979 they moved to Tioga where Phyllis managed the Tioga American Legion Club for a number of years. Phyllis enjoyed serving the needs of her customers and worked hard to see the Legion Club succeed. She later worked for Tri-City Care center in Tioga, the Minot Domestic Violence Shelter and later MAPS in Ray.

She was a member of the Tioga First Lutheran Church, past president of the ladies Aide, a Sunday school teacher, and treasurer of the Tioga Fund and the Little Beaver Bay fund. Phyllis enjoyed her time with her family at the lake in the home that she and Gary moved to the lake. This lake home continues to build memories for all of her family. Phyllis was especially proud of her children and the many gifts of her eight grandchildren. They are all her most precious treasures.

Phyllis Christensen died Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Tioga Medical Center in Tioga after a gallant battle with cancer.

Before her sickness, Phyllis was often sewing, or crocheting gifts for the newest arrivals in the family or friends in the community. She made special baptism towels for the little ones baptized at the church. Phyllis was awarded by the community of Tioga the "Warm Heart Award" because she truly amplified the meaning of a warm heart. She was a wonderful, Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Phyllis also had a way of "networking with her friends" to help keep life interesting.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Gary of Tioga, ND; her daughter, Jill (Erik) Gislason of Adrian, MN and their daughter, Liliana; son, Scot (Dana) Christensen of Coon Rapids, MN and their son, Ethan; daughter, Lisa (Bruce) Nyagaard of Mitchell, SD and their children, Anthony, Andrew, Christen, and Kaylee; and son Chad (Kathryn) Christensen of Williston, ND and their children, Trevor and Alexis; brother, Frank (Marla) Hanson of Bowbells, ND; and sister, Lorraine (Roger) Helwig of Powers Lake, ND; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, very special friends, Sarah (Jody) Moe and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Brenda Michelle in 1969; sisters, Arlene and Connie; her niece, Tammi; and a very close cousin, Robert Godejohn.



## *In Memory Of Phyllis Kay Christensen*

*January 3, 1946 ~ February 17, 2009*



## Grandma's Pride & Joys



*Your Grandchildren could call you anything, and you would have answered. You are that special person who will always answer when they call, always listen when they speak, and always love them no matter what they do. You are their grandmother. And just like Jesus, you invite them to call on you whenever they want, and you will never tire of hearing your name.*



## ***In Memory Of*** ***Phyllis Kay Christensen***

### ***Date And Place Of Birth***

*January 3, 1946  
Powers Lake, North Dakota*

### ***Date And Place Of Death***

*February 17, 2009  
Tioga, North Dakota*

### ***Funeral Service***

*11:00 am, Saturday, February 21, 2009  
First Lutheran Church  
Tioga, North Dakota*

### ***Clergy***

*Pastoral Assistant James Hamann*

### ***Musicians***

*Nancy Olson ~ Pianist  
James Hamann ~ Soloist*

### ***Casketbearers***

<i>Sonny Christianson</i>	<i>Dean Hanson</i>
<i>Phil Becker</i>	<i>Gale Rauschenberger</i>
<i>Lynn Olson</i>	<i>David Grubb</i>

### ***Honorary Casketbearers***

<i>Judy Egeberg</i>	<i>Betty Grubb</i>	<i>Sarah Moe</i>
<i>Mary Swafford</i>	<i>Debbie Dignan</i>	<i>Kathy Urbatsch</i>
<i>Emily Pressnall</i>		<i>Carol Tangesdal</i>
<i>Linda Godejohn</i>		<i>Sharon Thull</i>

### ***Interment***

*United Cemetery  
Tioga, North Dakota*

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[www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com)*