



Alta Mae Christensen

December 26, 1943 - April 30, 2019

Alta Mae Christensen, 75, of Phillips, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Westfield Quality Care in Aurora. Alta is now free from the grip of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and our family is stronger than ever.

Service and celebration of Alta's life will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the GI Free Church of Grand Island. Reverend Daniel Brenton will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Island City Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-5 pm Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Alta was born December 26, 1943 in Carrington, North Dakota, the daughter of Arthur and Martha (Roemmich) Martin. She grew up on the family farm south of Harvey, ND and graduated from Harvey High School in 1961. Alta went on to attend nursing school in Kearney and received her LPN License in 1972.

On July 20, 1968, Alta married James "Jim" Christensen and they made their home in Grand Island before settling in rural Hamilton County. Over the years, Alta was a nurse at Lutheran Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Mary Lanning, GIPS and the Grand Island VA Medical Center. She was also employed at various skilled nursing facilities and as a traveling nurse. Alta's spirit was reflected through her nursing care and in all walks of her life.

Music was an important part of who she was. She played the accordion and piano and was a member of a band that traveled around and played for the residents of nursing homes. Alta participated in the Accordion Jamboree and served as chairperson. She also played organ in various area churches.

A wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, her family was vitally important to her. She enjoyed traveling to ND to visit family and friends, also attending family reunions. She kept busy cooking, cleaning, canning, riding bike and 'going for a run'. Jim and Alta were regular attendees of EFree Church, members of Liederkrantz and York Czech Club. Alta participated in the annual Red Cross Chili Cookoff. She was also a volunteer at the Nebraska State Fair, and worked part time at the Stuhr Museum and as a Para for GIPS.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Jim; her daughters and their families, Jocelyne (Chris) Rainforth and their son, Owen of Hooper, NE; Andrea (Jeff) Janzen of So. Sioux City, NE; Lanette (Josh) Nelson and their son, Paul Jens "PJ" of Pickrell, NE; and Heidi (Mike) Musil of Lincoln. Other survivors include brothers, Ken (Sandy) Martin of Grand Island and David (Debra) Martin of Bismarck, ND; sisters, Dorothy (Lyle) Jacobsen of Kearney; Grace (Gil) Steedsman of Harvey, ND; Rachel (Craig) Gustafson of Phillips; Bev (Benny) Gumpolen of Sahuarita, AZ and Connie (John) Stober of Goodrich, ND; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Martin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Alta Mae Christensen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Alta's passing ... I remember her as a very sweet and kind girl ... we went to the same one-room country school in the Pony Gulch district ... in the spring and fall we would walk across the prairie together along with Kenny and Dorothy on our way home from school ... they would walk extra far with me as I had a ways to go... we would chat along the way and many times we would forget what time it was !! I hope they never got scolded ... Some days when her precious Mom baked sugar cookies, she would give us some and they were oh so good ! In the winter time if the weather was real bad, Alta and I would sit on the school floor and play "jacks" and she was good and beat me most of the time ... lovely memories. My deepest sympathy to all of her family and friends ... an ex-school mate, Carol Baier Salerno, Harvey, ND.*

Carol J Salerno - June 05, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ *I'm truly sorry to hear of Alta's passing. She spent many hours at my shop getting the accordion videos done. She was always a joy, very enthusiastic, and pleasant to be around. I will miss her. It's terrible we get so busy that we sometimes miss things and the special people that surround us like Alta.*

Terry - May 23, 2019 at 11:06 PM

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“ We knew Alta as a wonderful and caring gal, with a devoted husband, loving children and grandchildren and a Great God. she will be missed by all who knew her!!

Our love and prayers,
Steve and Marilyn Gustafson

Steve Gustafson - May 06, 2019 at 08:59 AM

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“ FAITH NELSON lit a candle in memory of Alta Mae Christensen



FAITH NELSON - May 04, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alta Mae Christensen.



May 02, 2019 at 11:44 PM