

Arlis Jean Cardwell was born on May 19, 1933, in Wilmot, SD, to Cecil and Eva (Wunschel) Cardwell. She was baptized and confirmed at Wilmot Lutheran Church and attended school in Wilmot through the eighth grade. After completing her education, she worked various jobs.

On November 6, 1953, Arlis married Gerald Leo Christensen in Summit, SD. The couple lived in several locations before settling on the family farm near Marvin in the early 1960s. While raising her children, Arlis was an integral part of the family farm, where she raised geese and chickens and grew cucumbers to sell. In the early 1980s, she and Gerald moved to Wilmot. Arlis then worked at Clark Nursery for 15 years. After Gerald's passing in November 2022, she continued to live in Wilmot.

For many years, Arlis was a devoted member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Marvin until it closed. Arlis had a passion for collecting buttons and loved sharing her collection with family and friends. She enjoyed word search puzzles, was quick-witted, and loved reminiscing and telling stories. Arlis cared deeply about her community, took pride in her home, and had a special fondness for cats, often feeding the strays. She cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Carolyn Douglas of St. Cloud, MN; seven grandchildren: Eric Douglas, Travis Douglas, Dustin Douglas, Brittany Hoff, Courtney Christensen; Katie Mahoney; and Jamie Bouwman; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters: Mildred "Millie" Sommer of Minneapolis, MN; and Beverly Pedersen of Wilmot, SD; brother-in-law, Dale (Diane) Christensen of Watertown, SD; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Cecil and Eva; beloved husband, Jerry; daughter, Cheryl; son, Steve; grandson, Butch; great-granddaughter, Hazel; brothers: Donald "Don"; Duane; Richard "Sonny"; Darrell; and sisters: Marcella Lenssen, Joyce (Darwin) Thompson, Marlene (Terry) Johannsen; and brother-in-law, Chuck Peterson.



Arlis Jean Christensen

WHO WAS BORN

May 19, 1933
Wilmot, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 19, 2024
Wilmot, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 4, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Levi Waddell

MUSICIAN

Tim Mundwiler

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren

Eric Douglas | Travis Douglas | Dustin Douglas | Brittany Hoff
Courtney Christensen | Katie Mahoney | Jamie Bouwman

Beloved Great-Grandchildren

Bailey | Rylee | Avery | Wyatt | Jerimany | Harper | Harlow | Alex | Vincent | Lucy | Parker | Maxson | Berkley | Oaklie | Laikyn

INURNMENT

At a later date
Osceola Cemetery #2
Marvin, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Arlis's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the funeral home.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me,
to be a happy one.*

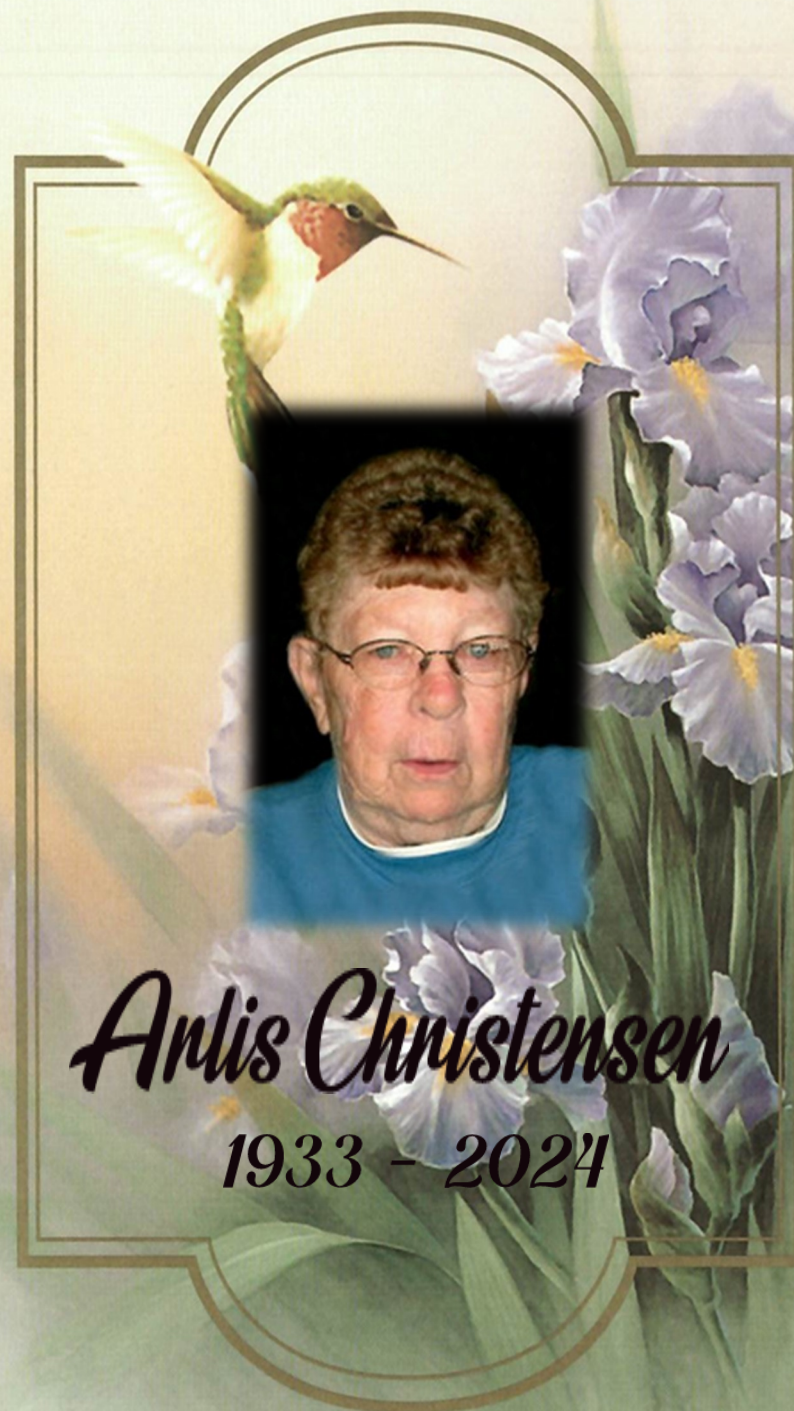
*I'd like to leave an afterglow,
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo,
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times,
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun.*

*Of happy memories,
that I leave when life is done.*

Please use this QR code to access Arlis's
online guestbook & tribute video.



Arlis Christensen
1933 - 2024