

Afterglow

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

*I'd like to leave an after-
glow 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*

*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone
monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."*



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Treasured Seasons

*For everything there is
an appointed season,
And a time for everything
under heaven-*

*A time for sowing,
a time for reaping;*

*A time for sharing,
a time for caring.*

*A time for loving,
a time for giving;*

*A time for remembering,
a time for parting.*

*You have made everything
beautiful in its time*

*For everything you do
remains forever.*



Hazel Ness, recently honored in July of 2022 as the oldest resident of South Dakota died at the age of 107 in Clark on September 23.

Hazel Josephine Christopherson was born on May 17, 1915 to Andrew and Marie (Kjeikerud) Christopherson. She was the fifth of seven children born and raised on the family farm in Naples, South Dakota.

Hazel was baptized at Pleasant Lutheran Church in Vienna. She was a lifelong resident of Clark County, attending grade school at SW Foxton and high school in Naples.

She married the love of her life, Clarence Ness, on February 2, 1934 at the Lutheran Parsonage in Clark. Hazel remembers it was a beautiful day for February in South Dakota. They were blessed with two children; Clayton Allen born in 1935, and Dianne Marie born in 1940. They farmed in Foxton and Merton Township until 1956, when the family moved to Clark.

Hazel cared for her mother, Marie, for several years before her death. She also worked as a custodian at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and worked in different restaurants over the years. She participated in various groups, including Evangelical Lutheran Church Women (ELCW), Extension Homemakers, Clark County Senior Citizens, Sons of Norway and several bridge and card groups.

Hazel and Clarence were proud of their Norwegian heritage, and Hazel was fortunate to make two trips to Norway in her lifetime. She spoke fluent Norwegian with family both at home and in Norway. She and her husband also traveled often to visit their children and grandchildren.

Hazel and Clarence celebrated 68 years of marriage in 2002, before her husband's death that same year. She was known for her sharp wit, her fabulous cooking and her amazing work ethic. Hazel enjoyed making Norwegian dishes, and was a loyal volunteer for the annual Lutefisk Dinner at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark. She enjoyed making lefse in advance, and cooking, serving and cleaning up on the day of the big event. She loved raising her own fruits and vegetables, whether on the farm, or in her large garden in town.

Hazel was preceded in death by her daughter Dianne in 2008, and her six siblings, Nels, Alf and Odean Christopherson, Margaret Ludwig, Anna Kittleson and Clara Kroutil.

Hazel is survived by her son Clayton and wife, Sandy Ness of Stillwater, Oklahoma, her son-in-law Marv Wachendorf of Brownsburg, Indiana, her grandchildren, Chris Ness, Leslie (George) Duffield, Mara Hillard, Mark (Heather), Brian (Vicky) and Karen Wachendorf, along with six great-grandchildren, Erin Collins, Emily and Marek Wachendorf, Justin, Evan and Logan Wachendorf, as well as several nieces and nephews.

***Please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship
in the church basement after the burial.***

***Memorials may be made out to: St. Paul Lutefisk Supper
c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church 301 S Smith St Clark, SD 57225***



Celebrating the Life of Hazel Ness



Services from
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Clark, South Dakota
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant
Pastor Jody Peterson

Music

Dorothy Fuller - Organist
"Precious Lord Take My Hand" - Congregational
"One Day at a Time" - Meriam Bellina
"Beyond the Sunset" - Pat Boone

Casketbearers

Mark Wachendorf	Brian Wachendorf	Greg Anderson
Dean Kirkeby	Jay Kirkeby	Joseph Kirkeby

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery
Clark, South Dakota



***The family wishes to thank all the wonderful people who visited, called
& brought cheer to Hazel in her final years, with special gratitude for the
caring & loving staff & volunteers at Roetell Senior Housing in Clark.***