

Christine O. Geltel was born, June 29, 1924, to Soren B. and Mildred (Amundson) Sorenson, on a farm south of Appam. As a young girl, she lived on various farms in the Appam/Alamo area where she was raised with her 9 brothers and sisters along with Amundson aunts and uncles whom her parents had assumed raising when their parents had died young.

She attended rural Elmgren Elementary School. Then she boarded out to attend high school in Alamo graduating in 1942. She worked for a short time as a nurses aid and a waitress. She met Joe Geltel when she applied for and received a teaching job at Roosevelt School in Climax Township. Christine and Joe married him June 24, 1946.

Joe and Christine lived and farmed on the Geltel family farm until moving to Grenora in 1989. They raised seven children.

Christine was an active member of St. Boniface Altar Society, Homemakers Club; and in later years in Grenora, bowling and Senior Citizens. Her family was her priority. She enjoyed cooking, and baking many treats, and crocheting for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved taking in the many activities of her children and grandchildren. She liked card playing, dancing and keeping up with pro-sports to discuss with the grandkids. She enjoyed the 25 years of annual Geltel camp-outs.

She is survived by 3 daughters: Marilyn (Paul) Barbie, Bismarck, ND, Betty (Duane) Lundby, Grenora, ND, and Kaye (Gary) Andersen, Bismarck, ND; four sons, Larry (Darlene), Jim (Janet), David (Lori), all of Williston, ND, and Steve (Julie), Mandan, ND; five sisters, Shirley Ledahl, Williston, ND, Ella Skoglund, Seattle, WA, Laraine Kreiter, Phoenix, AZ, Beulah Sorenson, Seattle, WA, and Carolyn Sorenson, Phoenix, AZ; one brother, Gerald Sorenson, Williston, ND; 19 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe; brothers, Arthur, Mervin, and LeRoy; and one infant granddaughter, Christa Jo.

In Memory Of Christine O. Geltel



“Toots”



June 29, 1924 ~ June 18, 2008

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-
God wanted me now: He set me free...*

Author Unknown

**IN MEMORY OF
CHRISTINE O. GELTEL
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH**

June 29, 1924

Rural Appam, North Dakota

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

June 18, 2008

Williston, North Dakota

FUNERAL MASS

3:00 PM. Saturday, June 21, 2008

St. Boniface Catholic Church

Grenora, North Dakota

CLERGY

Father John Paul Gardner

ORGANIST

Vi Muller

MUSICIANS

Chara Wangen

Chanda Stelter

Tracy Lundby

SCRIPTURE READERS

Ryan Geltel

Shelley Brunnet

GIFT BEARERS

Austin Geltel

Nicole Geltel

CASKETBEARES

Brent Barbie

Scott Barbie

Mitch Lundby

Kevin Geltel

Ryan Geltel

Allen Geltel

Jacob Geltel

Travis Andersen

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

All of Christine's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

INTERMENT

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery

Grenora, North Dakota

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with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website
www.fulkersons.com*