

Sheilia Christensen, 70 ✓

Feb. 26, 1931 - April 29, 2001

KIRKSVILLE, MO – Sheilia Dare Christensen was born Feb. 26, 1931, to Hildreth (Kindhart) and Lawrence Larsen at Oakland. She was a member of the Church of Christ while living in Oakland. She attended school in Oakland through her junior year when her parents purchased the Social Cafe in Kimballton. Following the move to Kimballton, Sheilia attended school in Elk Horn, graduating with the Elk Horn High School Class of 1948.

July 4, 1948, she married H. Jack Christensen at Kimballton. To this union, three children were born. The couple spent the next 11 years farming near Kimballton, before Jack accepted a position with Wayne Feed Company in 1957, moving the family to Chariton, and later to Fairfield, in 1959. In August of 1960, the Christensens moved to Harlan. Sheilia operated several restaurants in Harlan, including the Holiday Buffet, the Bowling Alley, Victoria Station and the Library Restaurant. She worked with her daughter, Pam, at the Harlan Golf and Country Club before retiring in 1995. In 1996, she moved to Kirksville, MO, to be near her daughter, Jacquelyn. While living in Kirksville, she became a member of the Serendipity Group. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan and Faith Lutheran Church in Kirksville. She died April 29, 2001, at the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, MO, at age 70 years, two months and three days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, H. Jack Christensen, Feb. 8, 1995. She is survived by her children, Pamela Mosher and her friend, Gary Wiley, of Bellevue, NE; Jack Craig Christensen (Sarah) of Mankato, MN and Jacquelyn (Roger) Jones of Kirksville, MO; six grandchildren; sisters, Bonnie (Keith) Poldberg of Vinton and Mona (Dr. Pete) Ewing of Kent, OH; one brother, Lawrence "Tom" Larsen (Brenda) of Des Moines; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 3, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Dr. Mark Appold and Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Toby Mosher, Pete Ewing, Ph.D., Andy Sondag, Keith Poldberg, Wayne Fischer, Terry Poldberg, Bradley Ewing, Ph.D., Charles Jones and Rick Poldberg casket bearers.

