

Florence Christianson, 88

Florence Christianson, 88, Groton, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Her funeral was Monday, Dec. 28, 1998 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Steve Swenson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. A prayer service was held Sunday evening at the funeral chapel.

Florence Pherson was born March 21, 1910, to Hoken and Helen (Brandt) Pherson at Cayuga, ND. She grew up in the Cayuga area and attended rural school. She moved to Groton in 1958 and then moved to Aberdeen, where she worked in the dairy department at Kessler's from 1959 to 1976. She then retired and moved back to Groton and had lived there since that time.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, and the Nigeria Circle of the church.

She is survived by one daughter, Darlene Rae (Stephan) Gasser, Mobridge; two brothers, Ernest Pherson and Clinton Pherson, both of Fargo, ND; one sister, Annie Holen, Minneapolis; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sons, one daughter, five sisters, and one brother.

Casketbearers were Jerry Christianson, Gene Brolin, Merton Johnson, Dennis K. Larson, Gerald Osterman and Dale Wolter.

