

Remembering the life of....

May Jensen, 97, Fargo, ND passed away peacefully on November 7, 2021 at Essentia after a brief hospitalization.

May was born on May 31, 1924 to Hattie and Carl Fritz in Chaffee, ND. Family lore has it that she was born at midnight on the last day of May. Since her birthday could be either in May or June, her parents marked her birth by naming her May June (later in life, her young sons relished teasing that her name was really May, June, July. August and September). Her siblings were sister Gladys, brothers Carl and Morris Fritz. She also had a step brother, Chester Fritz, who became a major benefactor to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND.

May attended school in Chaffee where she was active in basketball. She graduated high school in 1941 and remained close to her seven classmates throughout her life. She began to date her eventual husband, Keith Jensen. Their relationship was paused when Keith enlisted in the US Navy to fight in WWII in 1944.

While Keith was assigned to a Navy destroyer in the Pacific theater, May for a time worked at the Boeing Aircraft factory in Seattle as a 'Rosie the Riveter', building B-29 Stratofortress bombers for the war effort. After Keith's discharge from the Navy, they were married on Jan 3, 1947 and settled on a farm near Alice, ND.

They had seven children. Keith built a successful business, Jensen Bros. Construction and May was active in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Leonard, ND and Chaffee school parent groups. After retiring, May began teaching ceramic classes in their home and they traveled to many area craft shows to display her work. May also enjoyed scrapbooking throughout her life. They spent winters in Arizona where they enjoyed making new friends, social activities and playing cards until Keith's death in 2006. May then moved to Edgewood in Fargo where she lived until her death.

May was preceded in death by Keith and daughter Nancy Hart. She is survived by daughter Diane (Larry) Palluck, Davenport, ND, sons Charles 'Jim' (Sherry) of Chaffee, Dean, Florence, AZ, Steven, Jacksonville, FL, Kent (Jenise) and Robin (Cindy), both of Chaffee. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



In Loving Memory



Celebrating the life of
May J. Jensen



FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Peter Lutheran Church
rural Leonard, North Dakota
Friday, November 12, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiant

Pastor Loy Ham

Music

Emma Jensen & Isaac Jensen
Hymns: "Amazing Grace" No. 779
"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" No. 623
"Lord Take My Hand And Lead Me" No. 767

Pallbearers

May's Children

Honorary Palbearers

All of May's Grandchildren

Interment

Watson Cemetery rural Leonard, ND

*The family wishes to express their appreciation
for your kindness and support. Please join them
for fellowship immediately following the burial.*



***One Day At
A Time***

*You lived your life one
day at a time.
The words you shared
were always kind.
You loved us with all
your whole heart.*

*It saddens us to be apart,
and forever we hold you in our hearts.
Today you stand in God's bright light,
watching over us day and night.
In our hearts you will remain
until the day we meet again.
Forever your love will live on in our hearts
and the hearts of those you touched.
We are so grateful to God for blessing
our lives with the beautiful gift of you.
We miss you sweet angel more than
you can imagine.*

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