

Frieda (Harn) Campbell Mortensen, 94, of



Miller, passed away Saturday, September 10, 2011 while under the loving care of the staff of the Good Samaritan Society, Miller and Avera Hospice. She passed away into the loving arms of her Lord while in the companionship of her pastor Mary Ann Sheldon.

Frieda Marie Harn was born in Brule County, SD, July 27, 1917, as the youngest of 14 children to Joseph and Margaret (Williams) Harn. After her mother died in 1921, she was sent to live with a family in Kansas until her father was able to bring her back to Brule County. She was 8 years old. Joseph died shortly after her return to South Dakota so Frieda was left without a permanent home. She lived with several families until she was old enough to work for her board and room.



Frieda married Walter Campbell March 20, 1935 and moved to a farm in South Hand County. They had three children, Donna, Miles, and Marvin. In 1942 they bought a farm in Ohio Township. Frieda was a good cook and homemaker as well as a farm hand. She enjoyed gardening and raising flowers. During these years she decorated many "made from scratch" angel food cakes for

birthdays, graduations and weddings. She was a 4-H leader and a member of the Ladies Union Club. In 1955 the family moved to Miller. On January 9, 1956, Walter died from a massive heart attack.



Frieda and Mac Mortensen were married on October 7, 1957. Mac had three grown children, Shirley, Keith and Nedra. Frieda worked at the Northside Cafe, the Driftwood Cafe and later managed a snack shop at Coral Lanes. She and Mac enjoyed traveling and playing cards with friends. The grandchildren were a source of joy for both of them as well. Mac died November 2, 1990.

She spent many happy hours with Mac's grandchildren and her own grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was active in the United Methodist Church of Miller, teaching Sunday School and other activities. She especially enjoyed being part of UMW where she served for a time as president.



In 2005 Frieda moved to Courtyard Villa. It was a great time of life for her, renewing old friendships and making many new friends. She loved Courtyard Villa and writing the

Courtyard Villa news each week for the Miller Press. She wrote her last column July 14, 2010.

January 13, 2011 she made yet another move to Prairie Good Samaritan Center. Frieda and her family deeply appreciate the care, love and compassion that she received in both of these facilities.

Her faith in God, the flowers that she planted at each home, her pies, cookies, comfort food and the many letters and columns she wrote, especially in her later years, are also a part of her legacy.

Frieda is survived by daughter, Donna (George) Melber, St. Lawrence; daughter in law, Petrea Campbell, Omaha; step-daughters: Shirley Letsche, Huron and Nedra (Chuck) Jones, Loveland, Colorado. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren will miss her dearly.



Preceding her in death were her parents; siblings; her husbands, Walter Campbell and Mac Mortensen; her sons, Miles and Marvin Campbell; her step son, Keith Mortensen, and 2 of Mac's grandchildren: Rick Davis and Teresa Letsche.

*In Loving Memory*

## *Frieda M. Mortensen*

### **BORN**

July 27, 1917  
Brule Co., South Dakota

### **PASSED AWAY**

September 10, 2011  
Miller, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
First United Methodist Church  
Miller, South Dakota

### **MINISTER**

Pastor Mary Ann Sheldon

### **PALLBEARERS**

Larry Hall                Gerald Palmer  
Delbert Jury             Robert Labor  
Eldon Rawstern         Gary Bates, Sr.

### **USHERS**

Merle Jenner – Max Conkey

### **EULOGY**

Lisa Droz – Penny Sparks

### **MUSICIANS**

Brian Bergeleen – Alana Bergeleen  
Kaycee Bergeleen – Taylor Droz

### **MUSIC SELECTIONS**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*  
*"Come to Jesus"*  
*"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*  
*"Precious Memories"*

### **INTERMENT**

G.A.R. Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

### *Grandma Frieda's Coconut Cream Pie*

2 cups milk	3 Tsp cornstarch
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	1 cup coconut
3 egg yolks	1 tsp vanilla
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk	

Pour 2 cups milk in pan and sprinkle  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar on to it. Heat to boiling without stirring.

Mix egg yolks with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup milk and add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and cornstarch and mix until smooth. Pour into the hot milk cook until thick; stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and add coconut and vanilla. Pour into the baked pie shell.

### Meringue

Beat three egg whites until frothy. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. cream of tartar. Beat til stiff slowly and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar, beat until stiff peaks form. Add a dash of vanilla and pile on the pie; covering the edges. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees or until brown.

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1917 ~ 2011

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