

**GERMAN UNION CEMETERY**  
**THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY**

*Created By: Ronald R. Prinzing*

Surname: **BEYER** Married Name: **CHRISTENSEN (HANS PETER)**  
Given Name: **IRENE** Interred Name: **CHRISTENSEN**  
Middle Name If Any: **MARTHA**  
Gender: **FEMALE**  
Date of Birth: **APRIL 15, 1907**  
Place of Birth: **FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**  
Date of Death: **JULY 28, 2006**  
Place of Death: **RICE COUNTY – NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **13k**

Father: **CHARLES FREDERICK BEYER**  
Date of Birth: **JANUARY 19, 1873**  
Place of Birth: **BRAUNSFORD, GERMANY**  
Date of Death: **JULY 15, 1920**  
Place of Death: **RICE COUNTY – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY- MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **13a/b**

Mother: **EMMA HANNAH ABEL** Interred Name: **BEYER**  
Birth Date: **JANUARY 31, 1876**  
Place of Birth: **FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**  
Date of Death: **OCTOBER 15, 1966**  
Place of Death: **RICE COUNTY – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **13b/c**

Marital Status: **MARRIED** Date: **SEPTEMBER 25, 1929 AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS WALSTAD (FORMERLY THE BEYER HOME IN FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA)**

Marriage 1. **HANS PETER CHRISTENSEN** born: **SEPTEMBER 27, 1902** in **HUNDERUP KRAGELAND – RIBE – DENMARK**

**Children:**

1. **DARLENE IRENE CHRISTENSEN** born: **NOVEMBER 26, 1930** in **RICE – COUNTY – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**
2. **DAYTON CHARLES CHRISTENSEN** born: **March 15, 1941** in **RICE COUNTY - NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**
3. **DENNIS PETER CHRISTENSEN** born: **FEBRUARY 5, 1945** in **RICE COUNTY – NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**

**CHRISTENSEN, IRENE MARTHA. NEE: BEYER**

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**OBITUARY**

**Last Name: CHRISTENSEN**

**Maiden Name: BEYER**

**First Name: IRENE**

**Middle Name or Initial: MARTHA**

**News Paper: NORTHFIELD NEWS – NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**

**Date: AUGUST 2, 2006**

Irene Christensen Irene Christensen, age 99, of Northfield, passed away Friday, July 28, 2006, at the Three Links Care Center in Northfield from complications of diabetes. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at the Chapel of the Three Links Care Center, with burial at the German Union Cemetery in Forest Township of Rice County. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the services Friday at Three Links. Irene Martha Christensen was born April 15, 1907, to Charles and Emma (Abel) Beyer at their farm home in Forest Township of Rice County, Minn. She attended District 66 country school near her farm home. Irene was employed at the Odd Fellows Home in Northfield where she served as a dining room aide to the young children who lived at the home. It was here where she met Hans Peter Christensen, originally from Bram Minge, Denmark. Hans and Irene were married Sept. 25, 1929, and they lived on the Odd Fellows Farm (where Hans was the farm manager) until 1941 when they began farming for themselves. They rented the Sechler Farm (now Sechler Park) until moving to the William Tralle farm on Old Dutch Road west of Northfield in 1943 which they later purchased. They lived on this farm until 1981 when they retired from farming and moved to the Three Links Apartments in Northfield. At that time they had come full circle from the time of their marriage as the Three Links Apartments is established on property which was originally the Odd Fellows Home. Hans died in 1983. In 1999, Irene's health made it necessary to move to the Three Links Care Center. Irene was a member of St John's Lutheran Church, the White Rose Rebekah Lodge, the Lodge's Past Noble Grands Club, Bridgewater Township Farm Bureau and the Homemaker's Club. She also served as an adult leader of the Big Star 4-H Club for several years. In 1984 she was honored with the Declaration of Chivalry from the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows for services rendered to her fellow man. In 2000, she was honored with a reception at the Three Links Care Center for her 70-year membership in the White Rose Rebekah Lodge of Northfield. Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband Hans in 1983; sisters Marie Walstad and Esther Prinzing; step-sister Elsie Wadekamper and sister-in-law Jean Beyer. She is survived by daughter Darlene Pfahning of Dundas; sons: Dayton (Geraldine) Christensen of Sedona, Ariz., and Dennis (Marilyn) Christensen of Prior Lake; brother Maranius Beyer of Minneapolis; grandchildren: Brad (Kay) Pfahning of Northfield, Patti (Gary) Sloan of Brooklyn Park, Travis Christensen of McColl, Idaho, Shellee (Steven) Courtier of Plymouth, Wis., and Susan Christensen of Tanunda, Australia; great-grandchildren: Jessica, Thomas and Steven Pfahning of Northfield; and nieces and nephews. Memorials preferred to Three Links Care Center Bus Fund, Diabetes Association, or St John's Lutheran Church Radio Broadcast Fund. Funeral arrangements were by the Bierman Funeral Home of Northfield.

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**DISPOSITION PERMIT**

DECEDENT'S NAME	IRENE MARTHA CHRISTENSEN
DECEDENT'S ALIAS	
SEX	FEMALE
DATE OF BIRTH / AGE	APRIL 15, 1907 / 99 YEARS
DATE OF DEATH	JULY 28, 2006
PLACE OF DEATH	THREE LINKS CARE CENTER 815 FOREST AVE NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA RICE
FUNERAL DIRECTOR	M2393 JAMES E BIERMAN
FUNERAL HOME	0688 BIERMAN FUNERAL HOME 1316 DIVISION STREET S NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA 55057
PLACE OF DISPOSITION	GERMAN UNION CEMETERY FOREST TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA



According to Minnesota Statutes, section 149A.93, subdivision 3, section 144.221, and Minnesota Rules, part 4601.1500, the fact of death has been filed with the Office of the State Registrar.

*Linda L. Loftus*

Linda Loftus  
Acting State Registrar

Authorized Disposition Occurred on: *Friday, 4 August 2006*

Signature of Crematory or Cemetery Official:

*Ronald R. Prinzing*  
(type or print name of crematory or cemetery official)

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**CHRISTENSEN. HANS PETER**

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**PFAHNING, DARLENE IRENE. NEE: CHRISTENSEN - DAUGHTER**

**CHRISTENSEN, DAYTON CHARLES - SON**

**CHRISTENSEN, DENNIS PETER - SON**

**CHRISTENSEN FAMILY MARKER**