



## Norma Christensen

April 2, 1924 - March 13, 2012

Norma Louise Christensen, 87, passed away March 13, 2012 at Lemay Avenue Health Care in Fort Collins, CO. She was born April 2, 1924 to Leslie C. and Irene Sheppard in Cherokee, Iowa and grew up in Albert City, Iowa. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1944 with a BA Degree in English/History, she served in the U.S. Navy as a WAVE in World War II. Norma married Harvey Christensen in 1946 and they resided in Worland, Wyoming, where they raised their three children, Hedy, Tom and Susan. For many years Norma taught English, journalism and humanities at Worland Senior High School. During that time she earned her MA Degree in American Studies from the University of Wyoming. She was heavily involved in various teachers' organizations locally and nationally, and was President of the Wyoming Education Association for two years. Norma served on the State of Wyoming Commission for Women and the Council for the Humanities and was active in St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Worland, serving as organist and lay-reader, and she also served on the Worland City Council. Norma was the Registrar for the Summer School at Oxford School of Religious Studies and spent several summers in Oxford, England. Norma moved to Fort Collins, CO in 2001. She enjoyed playing golf and bridge, reading, traveling extensively and attending symphony concerts and other cultural activities. Norma was preceded in death by her parents L.C. and Irene Sheppard, her sister Gladys Robinson, and her husband Harvey Christensen. She is survived by her daughter Hedy Reynolds-Shipman (Rich) of Fort Collins, CO,

her son Tom Christensen and his daughter Sondra of Clearfield, UT, and her daughter Susan Christensen and her son Michael of Roswell, GA. She will be missed by them and her numerous friends across the country. At her request, no service will be held. Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins, CO is in charge of final arrangements. Donations in Norma's memory may be sent directly to the Fort Collins Symphony at 214 S. College Ave., Ft. Collins, CO 80524 or to Pathways Hospice at 305 Carpenter Rd., Ft. Collins, 80525.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Christensen*

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“ *Norma was a classy lady. My daughter, Holly, was in her English class and also did some work for her during high school (26-27 years ago). Norma added grace to the Worland City Council. She will be remembered fondly. My condolences on the loss of a truly nice woman.*

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**Jeanette Johnson** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hedy and Rich,  
With my most sincere sympathies, I also send my love. You are caring people who deeply touch me. I appreciate all who you are. My thoughts will continue to be with you during this time of loss and transition.*

*With love, Carrie*

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**Carrie Newman** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Hedy,

*Your Mom was a dear soul; we really enjoyed the chances we had to talk with her and know how she loved the Symphony.*

*Our best wishes in your time of grief,*

*Peter and Lynnette*

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**Peter Springberg** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Dear Hedy,

*What a wonderful remembrance of your mother. I loved her enjoyment of the symphony, and also of a little champagne cocktail. What an amazing life she lived and what a fabulous daughter she has.*

*Our thoughts are of you. Our prayers are for you and our hearts are with you.*

*With our sympathy.*

*Patti and Tom*

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**Patti Newman** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *What an accomplished life. The "acorns do not fall far from the tree".*

*She had quite a career and to be able to go to Oxford Eng. from Wyo.*

*Hedy our thoughts and prayers are with you and Rich.*

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**Richard Ball** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Norma's passing. Our thoughts are with you.*

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**April Johannesen** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Hedy,

*As I'm sure you know, one of my fondest memories is of our wonderful trip to Virginia with your mom. What a fun time. Norma was so funny with her comments when the helicopters flew over and when the big ships passed by! And oh, those sunsets viewed from the deck with our wine glasses in hand. It was so refreshing to talk to someone with Norma's intelligence and broad world view. It was a privilege to have known her. I am so very happy that you were blessed with the special times you had with her recently.*

*Much love at this time and always, Kay*

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**Kay Williams** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *What a great lady Norma was. I thought very highly of her and we had some great visits when she lived here and came to the bank. I will always remember her story of wanting to go in the service and fight the war and was afraid it would be over with before she got there. She did something that I always wanted to do, join the Waves. I think that was a bond we shared. Thoughts and Prayers to all of you.*

*Always a friend.  
Sandy Livermore Tibbs*

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**Sandy Livermore Tibbs** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *To Norma's family:  
My first introduction to book groups was the Basin group Norma led several years for the Wyoming Council of Humanities. She brought a wealth of learning and a breadth of worldly experience to our small town.*

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**Claire Dunne** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Mrs. Christensen gave me my love for books. She was an amazing lady and every time I open a new book, I think of her! My heart goes out to her family during this time and they are in my prayers.*

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**Amy McHenry** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Hedy, Tom, and Susan*  
*So sorry for you. Your mother was a great friend. I have many fond memories of her. We did a lot of fun things together and I missed her when she left Worland.*

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**mary jo fowler** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *The loss of a remarkable lady. I did not know her outside of the high school classroom, but she had a talent for the written word and showed us the best, always. Our thoughts and prayers to the whole family, it was an honor to know her.*

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**Paul Marshall** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Norma was a true class act! I feel fortunate to have had her as a teacher and as a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sus, Tom and Heddy.*

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**Merit Gilbert Thomas** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *As a teacher and mentor, Norma was an important force in my high school years. I was fortunate to reconnect with her after her move to Ft Collins and enjoyed good visits with her over the last several years. Hedy and Rich, you are in my thoughts as you deal with your loss.*

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**Mary Jamora** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Met Norma here at Sunflower. Our politics, sense of humor, choice of books, love of music and plays, and eating out - a glass of wine and good conversation. We attended together the Carousel/Midtown Arts Centre dinner playhouse for the complete seasons for at least eight years, and enjoyed every minute. Through Norma, my husband, Ron, and I became friends with her daughter Hedy and her husband Rich Shipman. Such a delight. Norma was outspoken, loved shoes, clothes, the Democratic Party, reading and so much more. I will miss her terribly.

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**Barbara C. Hengl** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ So sorry to learn of you Mothers passing. She was a Grand Lady and Teacher and I am glad I knew her. You will all be in my prayers.  
Judi

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**Judi Corbin Russell** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear dear Hedy and Rich,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. It is a time of mixed emotions for sure. Hold on to the good times and memories and know in your heart that you were a special daughter who made the effort to give your mother the best care and the love she needed when she needed it most.

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**Dal and Jan Schaefer** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Prayers for the family

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**Keith Friel** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sorry to hear of Mrs. C's passing. I remember her fondly from Worland High (class of 1982) and from painting her house with my father (Jim) and Keith Stutheit in about the summer of 1980. I remember seeing her jogging around town until she retired and left. God bless.

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**Chris Fassler** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Hedy I'm sorry to hear about your mother. I remember how she was my mom away from my mom and how she was so concerned about my weight loss during wrestling. I will miss her. Sorry for your loss.

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**Don Feller** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Hedy, Susan, and Tom,  
I was quite saddened to hear of the loss of your mom, whom I consider to be a pivotal influence for me at Worland High, and a good friend. I remember her faithful jogging, even at 3:00 AM before leaving for Cheyenne!  
She introduced me to being a Lay Reader at St. Alban's, where we were once charged with leading to whole service in the absence of Father Wolfrum. We went to church to practice, and decided that we had the best top hat and cane service in the Diocese:-).  
Your mom was such a beautiful seamstress, musician, and teacher. She had a great influence on many, many students. I am so thankful for her presence in my life, and sorry that we have lost her.  
Lee Ann Hand

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**maryanne tryjan** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To the family of Norma;  
*Doug & I wish to send our condolences to all of you. We lived near you guys in Worland, and of course Doug taught with Norma for years at the high school. We remember Susan and Hedy. We spent lots of time on the track, on the road, and in the school halls running or walking the same time as Norma, and Hedy. Your mom was such a special woman; as an educator, a woman, and a friend. We had some great conversations over the years both serious and comical. We retired and moved to Cody nearly 14 years ago, but we've kept in touch with many of the high school teachers. We knew Norma had moved to Colorado, but we didn't keep up with what she did after she moved. Unfortunately, many of the older teachers at the high school are gone. We miss them all, as we miss your mom, but we have some wonderful memories. Our best wishes to all of you.*  
*Rozanne & Doug Reachard*

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**Doug & Rozanne Reachard** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Christensen family-*  
*I grew up on Park Avenue in Worland, down the street from your mom. She was a wonderful person to have in the neighborhood as well as in the classroom. I still have a gift she brought to me after she had traveled to Korea in the early 80's. We shared a love of running and I will always remember her smiling face and sense of humor. What a beautiful woman and I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Francie Faure** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM