



Irene Christensen

December 27, 1923 - February 19, 2016

Irene J. Christensen, born Aurora Mares, passed away on February 19, 2016, at

Blossom Creek Memory Care, Wenatchee, WA, at the age of 92. She was the daughter of Joseph De Molina Mares and Theresa Nicosia. Irene was born on December 27, 1923, in Manhattan, NY. She was a first generation American.

Her

father was born in Rosas, Catalonia, (coastal region of northeastern Spain) and her mother was born in Jaen, located in south-central Spain. Irene's grandfather, Richard Nicosia, was a well-known musician, conductor, music composer and operatic coach in New York City. During the Great Depression, the

family moved from New York to California. In 1936, her mother died; Irene was 12 years old at the time. On November 15, 1941, Irene married Howard Johnson.

From this marriage was born five children: Howard Jr., Alma, Linda, Nancy, and

Joanne. On January 15, 1962, Irene's first husband died at the age of 43.

Irene later married a second time to Gary Christensen.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; five siblings, Frances, Theresa, Carmen, Marie, Dolores; and all of Irene's children, except one. She is survived by her daughter, Alma; a son-in-law, Thomas Ebling; their children,

Tom, in Oregon and David in California and their families; Irene's sister, Gloria and her family in California; two brothers, Edward and his family in Idaho, and Roland and his family in Texas; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service for Irene J. Christensen will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 1354 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee, WA. The Rev. John Sterk Officiating. Arrangements assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.