TO THOSE I LOVE
THOSE WHO LOVE ME…
When I am gone, release me, let me go…
I have many things to see and do
You mustn’t tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you
each have shown,
But now it’s time I traveled on alone!
So grieve a while for me,
if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It’s only for a while we must part.
So bless the memories that lie
within your heart.
I won’t be far away, for life goes on.
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can’t see me or touch me,
I’ll be near
And if you listen with
your heart, you’ll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you come this way alone…
I’ll greet you with a smile
and “Welcome Home.”

Christine Faulstich
December 22, 1913 - November 20, 2018
Christine Raske, youngest child of Hans and Hilke (Engberts) Raske, was born on the family farm in northern Hyde County on December 22, 1913. She joined seven siblings: Lena, Hagen, Richard, Ida, Everett, Henry, and Fred. Christine was baptized in a Presbyterian Church in Iowa, June 22, 1914. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Edwin Lutheran in north Hyde County.

She attended school in rural Washington and then Highmore High School where she graduated as class valedictorian in 1932. She earned the coveted "H" pin. While taking piano lessons in Highmore, she met a young man from northern Hand County taking accordion lessons. This young man was Elmer Faulstich, her future husband. Elmer and Christine were married in St. Michaels Lutheran Church, rural Orient, on May 1, 1934, during one of the infamous dirty thirty dust storms.

They initially started farming in Hand County on a farm near Elmer’s parents. In 1937, they moved to a farm in northern Hyde County, which they purchased in 1947. Their first born, Donlin, arrived in February of 1935, followed by siblings, Sharon in 1938, Patricia in 1942 and James in 1949.

Both Elmer and Christine were active in community affairs. Christine held various officer positions in the Lutheran Church circles, was Washington township treasurer for 18 years, American Cancer volunteer, Heart Association volunteer and a member of Hyde County Cancer board. Elmer passed away in July of 1973. Christine continued to live on the family farm until 1976, when she moved into Highmore. She was employed at Dales Highway Café and then by attorney David Axtman.

She continued to be active in Our Savior Lutheran Church and Mary Circle. She participated in sewing quilts for World Relief which were distributed for impoverished people in foreign lands. Christine was honored to be named both Old Settlers Day Queen and Highmore Healthcare snow queen. She loved to garden and continued to garden after she became a centurion. Not only did she raise produce, she canned and froze the production for her winter needs. She continued to live by herself until after her 102nd birthday. After a fall in her home, she entered Highmore Healthcare where she resided until her passing.

Christine will be greatly missed, and her memory will be cherished by her four children: Don (Gayle) Faulstich of Highmore, Sharon (George) Hurd of Nampa, ID; Pat (Jerry) Heckentable of Madison and Jim (Carol) Faulstich of Highmore; her 15 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer; her siblings and their spouses; and a great granddaughter.

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