



*I know not what  
the future hath  
of marvel and surprise;  
Assured alone that  
life and death  
His mercy underlies.  
And so beside*

*the silent sea*

*I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from His can come to me  
on ocean or on shore.*

*I know not where His islands lift  
their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
beyond His love and care.*

By John Greenleaf Whittier



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In Loving Memory of

## **Waltraud E. Christianson**

February 13, 1937  
Germany

November 21, 2010  
Faulkton, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICES**

2:00 p.m., Monday, November 29, 2010  
Our Savior Lutheran Church ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Tammy Craker

### **CASKETBEARERS:**

Jerry Kegler	Bruce Edgar
Wayne Vetter	Jack Wilhelm
Kenny Gutenkauf	Rodney Fredrickson

### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**

*All of her family and friends*

### **ORGANIST**

Beth Deiter

### **SOLOIST**

Jerry Bowar ~ "Old Rugged Cross"

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

"How Great Thou Art"      "Amazing Grace"

### **INTERMENT**

Miranda Cemetery ~ Miranda, South Dakota

**Waltraud Christianson**, 73, of Faulkton, passed away, Sunday, November 21, 2010 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Waltraud Zupp was born February 13, 1937 to Bruno and Gerda (Rutzer) Zupp in Germany. She was baptized in the Lutheran Church. In 1952 she immigrated to the United States with her parents and five siblings. She enjoyed seeing the Statue of Liberty. The family was sponsored by the Lutheran Church and worked for Chris Bierman of Chelsea. Waltraud and her family became United States citizens in 1959 of which she was very proud. Waltraud was a VFW Auxiliary member. She enjoyed FOX news on television, playing cards with her family, going to casinos and working on the farm by Miranda operating Pheasant Acres Lodge. The first farm lodge was founded in 1947. Waltraud lived through World War II in Germany. Her mother was taken away from all her children by the Russians and escaped a short time later and hid on her grandmother's farm.

Waltraud married John Christianson December 24, 1954. She helped him with farming, cattle calving, hunting lodge and baling hay for forty four years. She helped John her entire life with everything she could of which he appreciated and is very grateful. Waltraud made twenty thousand hay bales. Waltraud understood and considered others and was helpful to everyone. She never criticized anyone and always helped them. She helped John keep the farm and lodge going always.

She is survived by her husband John Christianson; two brothers: Egon Zupp of Redfield, and Bruno Jr. (Carol) of Florida; four sisters: Irmgard Zupp Traver of Faulkton, Helga Zupp Wheeler of Sioux Falls, Bonnie Zupp Steenis of Arkansas and Carol Zupp (Gary) Taylor of Georgia and many nieces and nephews.

Waltraud was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, two brothers in law and one sister in law.



