

*To Those Whom I Love and
Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.*

*I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.*

*Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a
'Welcome Home'.*

*In Loving Memory Of
Irene Christine
Quammen*



July 20, 1920 - June 8, 2018

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done*

Irene Christine was the first born on July 20, 1920 of 11 children raised by Conrad and Ida Annell. They were both Swedish immigrants and lived on a farm 7 miles south of Palermo.

Irene went to the Nichols school through the 8th grade. As money was very scarce during the 30's, she was sent out to help people who were ill or pregnant. Sometimes she was paid a little money, but most of the time she was only given food.

The grass was nearly burned up because of the drought, so Irene would drive their cattle 3 miles to water and then grazed them back to the farm.

In 1939, the Annells moved to Chatfield, Manitoba in Canada. They loaded a boxcar with horses, machinery and household goods. Irene's dad and brothers, Conrad and Carl rode in the railroad car and Irene drove the family car with her mother and 4 siblings to Canada.

Irene worked for about 3 years as a maid around Winnepeg. By that time, she was able to save up a great deal of money (77 dollars!), so she moved back to the States. She renewed her relationship with Gordon Quammen and they were married October 24, 1942. To this union, 4 children were born: Sandra, twin brothers, Stanley and Sanford and Susan.

Irene and Gordon built their own home in Stanley where Gordon was a long-time blacksmith and machinist. Irene ran the Dairy Queen for 10 years. She also painted and papered houses for many folks in the area. She baked wedding cakes for area people and rolls, cookies, cakes and pies for local restaurants.

After Gordon retired, they traveled through about half of the states in the U.S. and at least 4 Canadian provinces.

On June 8, 2018, Irene passed away peacefully in the same bedroom that she had had for over 70 years.

Irene is survived by her 4 children, their spouses, 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Lillian, Janice, Esther and Ellen; brother, Marvin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 62 years, Gordon; brothers, Carl, Conrad and Niels; and sisters, Elvina and Marjorie.

In Loving Memory Of **Irene Christine Quammen**



Born to Conrad & Ida Annell

July 20, 1920

Palermo, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father

June 8, 2018

Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Services

3:00 PM ~ Thursday, June 14, 2018

American Lutheran Church

Stanley, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Carter Hill

Music

Katie Harwood ~ Pianist

"Precious Lord" ~ "When Peace Like a River"

"God Be With You" & "Goodnight Irene"

Pallbearers

Elmer Nelson Dustin Roise

Fred Johnson Wayne Johnson

Arnie Addicott

Final Resting Place

Fairview Cemetery

Stanley, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

Stanley, North Dakota