Memorial for class of 75 2020 class meeting for class members who have died since our last reunion - Karen Wessel, Diana Dean Holly Young, Mindy McWilliams, Jennifer Harris, Mary Homeir, Christine Lunardini, Andrea Gisela Snell, Mary Withers, Susan K Connellywill

God of compassion, we gather in recognition of lives

that touched our own.

Memories have accompanied us in this time,

reminding us of so much received,

and so much lost.

Each has journeyed this path of loss,

accepting comfort in varied ways.

Our love for them will not be diminished,

The gifts they shared will always remain

Our hearts remember the days that were shared.

Our hearts remember the love that was given.

God of our hope,

we hold our stories with these friends

with gentle hands:

knowing their joys,

learning their loss, returning to them again and again

to seek mending and meaning.

We share these stories

with full hearts;

revealing their treasures,

confessing their ache,

hopeful that this keeping of memory

will bring peace again.

Those who are dead have never gone away.

They are in the shadows darkening around,

they are in the shadows fading into day,

the dead are not under the ground.

They are in the trees that quiver,

they are in the woods that weep.

they are in the waters that sleep.

They are in the crowds, they are in the homestead.

The dead are never dead.