



## *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 my life is done.*

In Loving Memory of

# Gloria F. Wilhelmi

May 18, 1931  
Tagus, North Dakota

September 5, 2013  
Watertown, South Dakota

### **WAKE SERVICE:**

4:00 p.m., Sunday, September 8, 2013  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, September 9, 2013  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. Jerry Kopel

**LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Don Hericks

**OFFERTORY:** Sam Goebel & Casey Nelson

### **CASKET BEARERS:**

Chad Frost, Bob Goebel, Ken Goebel, Sara Brown,  
Jeremy Simon, Matthew Wilhelmi, Zachary Wilhelmi

### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

21 Grandchildren, 18 Great Grandchildren, Packer & Shadoe

**USHERS:** Jerry Hauck & Craig Weinkauff

**MUSICIANS:** Judy Robbennolt & Kay Schmidt

**MUSIC SELECTIONS:** "On Eagle's Wings"  
"Here I Am, Lord" "I Am the Bread of Life"  
"Song of Farewell" "How Great Thou Art"

### **INTERMENT:**

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net

**Gloria Wilhelmi**, 82, of Watertown and formerly of Gettysburg, passed away September 5, 2013, at the Prairie Lakes Healthcare System, Watertown.

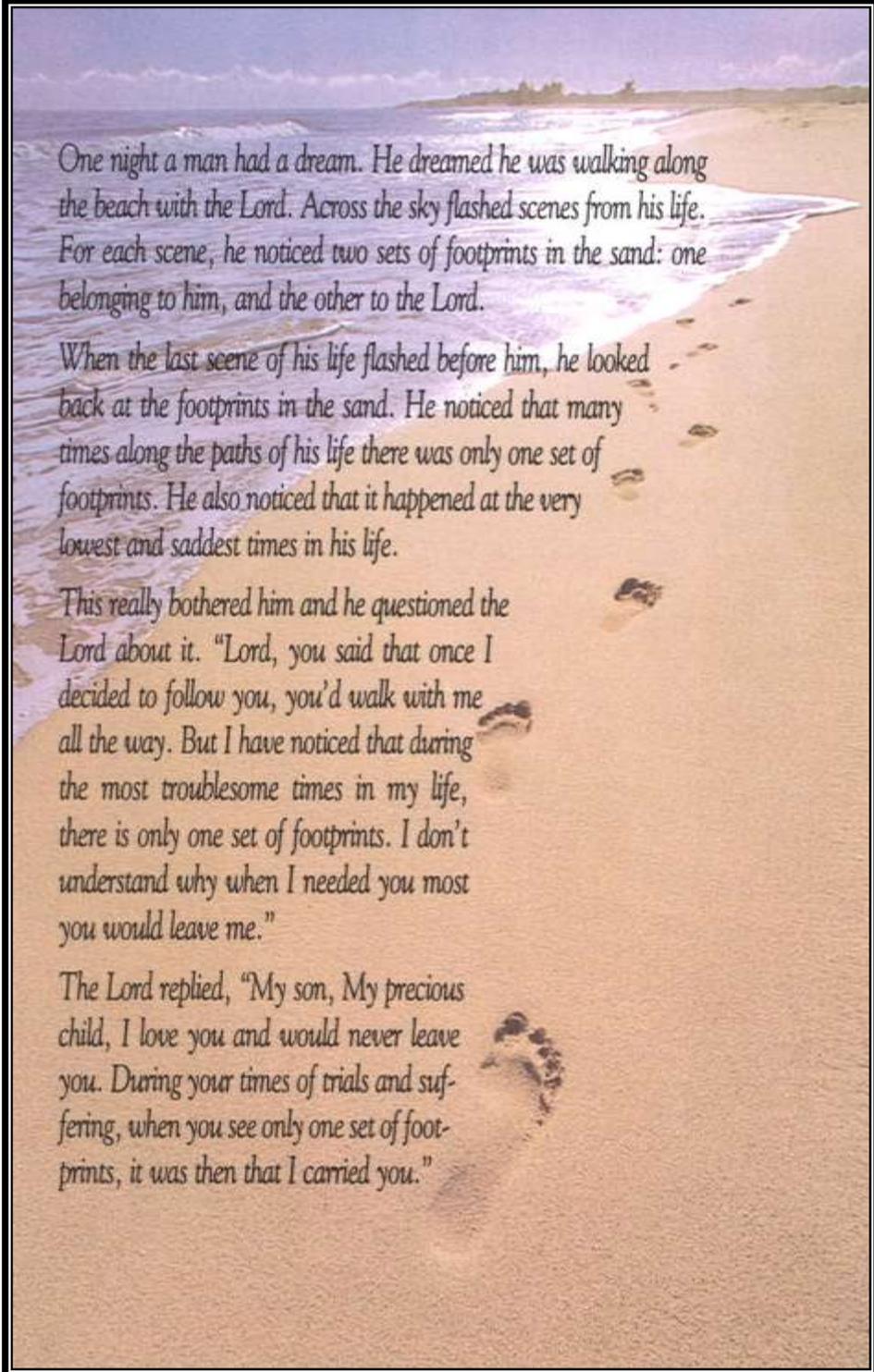
Gloria was born May 18, 1931 to Orman and Pearl (Ritterath) Reynen at her grandmother's home in Tagus, North Dakota. She grew up in Devils Lake, ND; attending school in Crary, ND, graduating in 1949. She married Rudolph Wilhelmi June 22, 1948 in Crary, ND. After their marriage, they lived at Crary, ND until 1964 when they moved to Nisland, ND. In 1965, they moved to Agar, SD and in 1972 to Gettysburg, SD. While living in Gettysburg, she worked at Miller's Clothing until 1980. They then moved to Watertown, SD. In 1981, they began managing apartments for BMI of Fargo, ND until 1986 when they moved to Nebraska and then back to Watertown in 1989. They continued to manage the apartments until Rudy passed away in 1992. Gloria then returned to Gettysburg in 1993.

Her Catholic faith was very important to her. She was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society and the American Legion Auxiliary. Making crafts, quilting, and doing puzzles were some of her favorite pastimes. Gloria made all the baptismal garments for the church baptisms. She also had a love for animals, especially her two granddogs, Shadoe and Packer.

Gloria will be remembered as a tough woman with a very warm heart.

Happy to have shared in her life are her children: Karren (Larry) Goebel of Gettysburg, Wayne (Mary) Wilhelmi of Sioux Falls, Rane (friend, Scott) Maeschen of California, Terry Wilhelmi of Rapid City, Judy (Jerry) Simon of Gettysburg, Kim Johnson of Watertown, Rhonda (friend, Randy) Voss of Watertown, and Curtis (Brenda) Wilhelmi of Watertown; 21 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and one sister, Kay (Bud) Mootz of Bismarck, ND.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Terrance Charles; one sister, Cheryl Kiedrowski; and one brother, Gerald Reynen.



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the paths of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trials and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."