

A photograph of a blue tractor in a field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The tractor is the central focus, with its large rear wheels and smaller front wheel visible. The background shows a flat landscape under a hazy sky.

Lawrence Kirschenmann
1945 - 2018

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes of his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged 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 path 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 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 I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Lawrence Kirschenmann, 72, of Ree Heights, passed away Friday, February 9, 2018 at Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Lawrence Herbert Kirschenmann was born September 19, 1945 in Pierre, South Dakota to Alvin and Mayo (Sadler) Kirschenmann. He was the oldest of five children. He was raised on a farm south of Harrold.

Lawrence met Doneta Rader and eventually married in 1972; to this union, three boys were born: Steve, Mike, and Roger. Lawrence and Doneta worked side by side on the family farm in Harrold. In November of 1977, they moved to Ree Heights to work for P. Spear Ranch. He enjoyed working cattle, putting up hay, and running the combine. He also took great pride in feeding and caring for the calves for the past 40 years. His three sons have grown up in their father's footsteps and share a love for cattle and ranch life.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Doneta; three sons: Steve, Mike, and Roger; siblings: Art (Lynn) Kirschenmann, Merlin (Lois) Kirschenmann, Alma (Jerry) Lappe, and Kristy (Pete) Severson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Life Remembered

Lawrence Herbert Kirschenmann

September 19, 1945
Pierre, South Dakota

February 9, 2018
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Reck Funeral Home – Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Ree Heights Auditorium – Ree Heights, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Sheena Thomson

CASKETBEARERS:

Jay Poindexter
Lee Nolz

Mike Runge
Delton Gimbel

Randy Sivertsen
Lonnie Dozier

PIANIST: Katherine Porter

MUSIC SELECTIONS: "In the Garden", "Old Rugged Cross", "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT: Morningside Cemetery – Ree Heights, South Dakota