



Doneta May Kirschenmann
1951 ~ 2019

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."



Doneta May Kirschenmann, 68, of Ree Heights, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital in Miller, surrounded by her family.

Doneta May was born April 13, 1951 in Abilene, Kansas to Alvie and Etta (Reese) Rader. Doneta grew up in Kansas and graduated from Durham High School in 1969.

Doneta met Lawrence while he was employed with Alvie's custom combine crew that traveled across multiple states. They were married in 1972. To this union, three sons were born: Steve, Mike, and Roger.

Doneta and Lawrence worked side by side on his family farm in Harrold. In November of 1977, they moved to Ree Heights. While Lawrence was working at P Spear Ranch, Doneta cared for the home and raised the three boys. Some of her favorite pastimes included baking and crafting. In the early years, she and Lawrence were involved with playing volleyball.

Her memory will be cherished by her three sons: Steve, Mike, and Roger Kirschenmann, all of Ree Heights; brother, Jerry and Eileen (Stefan) Rader; sister, Diana (Rader) and Tom Hawthorne; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence in 2018; and her brother, Larry.

A Life Remembered

Doneta May Kirschenmann

April 13, 1951
Abilene, Kansas

April 13, 2019
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 2019
Ree Heights Auditorium – Ree Heights, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Sheena Thomson

CASKETBEARERS:

Steve Kirschenmann
Jay Poindexter

Roger Kirschenmann
Mike Runge

Mike Kirschenmann
Lonnie Dozier

PIANIST: Katherine Porter

MUSIC SELECTIONS: "Old Rugged Cross", "Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT:

Morningside Cemetery – Ree Heights, South Dakota