

## FOOT PRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my

life. I asked the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF  
*Janet L. Semmler*

February 5, 1950 - January 29, 2024

Janet Semmler, 73, of Ree Heights, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024, at Good Samaritan Society, Miller.

Janet Lee Goehring was born February 5, 1950, in Pierre, SD to Raymond and Loretta (Mattheis) Goehring. She grew up as the oldest of 7 children on a farm outside of Harrold, SD, and graduated from Harrold High School in 1968.

Janet was united in marriage to Newton Semmler on November 7, 1970, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harrold. To this union three children were born: Matthew, April, and Wendy. Janet and Newton made their home on a farm north of Highmore. They then moved to Ree Heights in 1976 where she lived until 2021.

Janet was involved in the Ree Heights Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Town and Country Club, and Ree Heights PTO.

After Newton died in 1996, she kept busy as a bookkeeper for the Ree Heights Elevator and cooking at Hand County Memorial Hospital and Miller School.

She enjoyed spending time with her sisters and children. She was proud of her children but was especially proud of her grandchildren and enjoyed attending their events and texting and calling them about random topics at random times.

She will be missed by her children and grandchildren: Matthew (Jennifer) Semmler and their children: Thomas, Emily, and Joseph; April (Ryan) Lovrien and their children: Reagan and Kinsey; and Wendy Semmler; siblings: Susan (Terry) Tople, Jim (Rita) Goehring, Judy (Tim) Brady, John Goehring, Mark (Elaine) Goehring, and RuthAnn (Jeff) Kiepke; and many nieces and nephews.

She is now reunited with her parents, Raymond and Loretta; an infant brother, Royal; and the love of her life, Newton.

# Celebrating T H E   L I F E   O F

## Janet L. Semmler

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### Celebration of Jan's Life:

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Ree Heights Auditorium

### Minister:

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

### Honorary Urnbearers:

All Jan's Nieces and Nephews

### Musical Selections:

"Go Rest High on that Mountain"

"In the Garden" (congregational)

"Spirit in the Sky"

### Burial:

Morningside Cemetery  
Ree Heights, South Dakota

**The family invites everyone to stay for  
lunch and fellowship immediately following the service.**

Arrangements Entrusted to  
Luce, Luze, & Reck Funeral Homes  
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