

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."

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Rita A. Danielson
April 1, 1944
September 29, 2025

Rita Danielson, 81, of Miller, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 29, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Rita Ann was born on April 1, 1944, in Miller, SD, to Walter and Florence (Manning) Danielson. She attended Helen Buchanan School in Huron, SD.

Diagnosed with cerebral palsy at an early age, Rita faced challenges that many believed she would not overcome. But with fierce determination — and the unwavering support of her parents — she defied the odds and lived a life full of resilience and joy.

Rita was deeply devoted to her faith and active in her church community. She cherished time with her family and found joy in everyday tasks, whether it was painting corral fences or the farmhouse — always reaching as high as she could before letting someone else take over. A talented cook and baker, Rita especially loved making cookies, filling her home with warmth and the smell of something sweet.

After her mother passed, Rita continued to live independently on the family farm, a testament to her strong spirit and determination.

She is survived by her brothers: Bob Danielson, Miller, SD, and Jim Danielson, Brooklyn Center, MN; sister, Marilyn Danielson Morris, Bettendorf, IA; sister-in-law, Kay Danielson, Billings, MT; nieces and nephews: Steve Morris, Terry Morris, Lisa and Mike Coleman, Kirk and Molly Danielson, Kari and Jason LaRue, and Korey and Teresa Danielson.

Preceded in death are her parents, Florence and Walter Danielson; brother, Ken Danielson; brother-in-law, Tod Morris; and sister-in-law, Tina Danielson.

The family wishes to thank all who have helped at this difficult time.

Wake Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, October 10, 2025
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Mass:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 11, 2025
St. Ann's Catholic Church
Miller, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father Brian Eckrich

Placing of the Pall:

Bob Danielson, Jim Danielson,
Marilyn Danielson Morris, Kay Danielson

Pallbearers:

Terry Morris – Mike Coleman – Jerry Steptoe
Dan Koeck – Brad Manning
Korey Danielson – Kirk Danielson

Lector: Nan Donlin

Musicians: Connie Schroeder & St. Ann's Choir

Congregational Songs:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #458
"Lord, Receive Your Servant" (choir)
"The Spirit Song" (choir)
"Song of Farewell" #815
"On Eagle's Wings" #565

Burial:

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

The family warmly invites you to join them for lunch and continued fellowship immediately following the burial in the church hall.