

# Footprints

*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 replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."*





Judith Ann Baatz, daughter of Raymond and Ruby (Twedt) Steenholdt, was born July 15, 1941, at Canton, South Dakota. Judy attended school through the eighth grade and then entered the workforce. She met Kenneth Baatz and the couple was united in marriage on June 3, 1966. The couple farmed and lived west of

Rock Valley, Iowa. In addition to being a farm wife, Judy also worked many jobs outside the home over the years.

Judy was always on the go. She rarely missed her grandchildren or great-grandchildren's events. She loved time spent with family. Judy also had a love for shopping. You could often find her buying from QVC, The Home Shopping Network (HSN), or taking trips up to Sioux Falls. Judy enjoyed flower gardening and an occasional trip to the casino. Judy passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Sheldon Senior Care in Sheldon, Iowa at the age of 80 years.

Judy is survived by her husband of 55 years, Kenneth Baatz; daughter, Pam Butler of Rock Valley; two grandchildren, Travis (Tera Parmeter) Butler of Rock Valley and Chelsea Butler of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two great-grandchildren, Talynn and Trynleigh; three sisters, Arlene Markle of Canton, Phyllis (Jerald) Suing of Sioux Falls, and Karen Miller of Tea, South Dakota; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Schiefen of Hawarden, Iowa and Donna (Jon) Anderson of Doon, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Ruby; infant grandson, Brandon Butler; two brothers, Curtis and Kenny Steenholdt; parents-in-law, Matt and Louise Baatz; brothers-in-law, Francis (Wilma) Baatz, Don Markle, and Gerald Miller; and sister-in-law, Eleanor (Jim) Van Berkum.

*Remembering the Life of*  
***Judith Ann Baatz***  
*July 15, 1941 ~ November 10, 2021*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

2:00 PM, Monday, November 15, 2021  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Edward Pease

**ORGANIST**

Dorothy Smith

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"I've Got Peace Like A River"*

**PALLBEARERS**

Travis Butler ~ Chelsea Butler  
Randy Kaskie ~ Leroy Wallburg  
Joey Van Der Brink

*Judy's family invites everyone to a time  
of food and fellowship in the church  
fellowship hall following the funeral service.*