



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging 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 have 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."*

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
*Nancy Neal*

FEBRUARY 4, 1956 - JANUARY 5, 2024

**Services At:**

Federated Church - Morris, Minnesota  
Friday - January 12, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

**Officiating Clergy:**

Reverend Matt Orendorff

**Musician:**

Angela Nybakke

**Pallbearers:**

Pat Smith, Tammy Moser, Jean McDermott  
Chris Hopkins, Argie Manolis, Paul Martin

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Michael Bjorklund, Susan Jost, Gary Knochenmus  
DAC Friends and Coworkers  
Staff Who Have Cared for Nancy Over The Years

**Interment:**

Summit Cemetery  
Morris, Minnesota

In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt **Thank You** to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.

**Nancy Carol Neal**, daughter of Clyde and Carol (Wartman) Neal, was born February 4, 1956, in Morris, where she grew up and was baptized at Federated Church on September 11, 1960. Nancy attended and graduated from Morris High School in 1977. During her schooling, she worked at the Stevens County DAC, doing various tasks, such as washing cars and delivering newspapers in the Morris area. She continued her work at the DAC until the time of her passing. Nancy loved going to the DAC and prided herself on the work she did. She lived in various homes in Morris over the years, most recently at Tigerwood Home.

Nancy was a faithful member of Federated Church in Morris and would always be the first one to point out someone's birthday and would then sing to them! For many years, she was involved in the Special Olympics, participating in bowling, track & field, walking and tennis ball throwing. One particular year, Nancy carried the torch at the opening ceremony prior to the regional event. Nancy had her daily routine and schedule, which involved taking care of her "kids," Dolly and Suzie, and calling family and friends. A few pet names she had for people was "nut," "cuckoo bird," "clown," and "buddy." She was determined, funny, a go-getter, a spitfire and a hard worker. Nancy loved the MN Twins and was not happy when she could not find them on the tv or when they lost. She enjoyed reading the local newspaper and listening to the local radio station. A few of her favorite things were: Chicken in a Biscuit, V-8, Diet Dr. Pepper and small bottles of Aquafina water.

Nancy died on Thursday, January 5, 2024, at the Stevens Community Medical Center in Morris, MN; she was 67 years old.

She is survived by her brother, Jim (Colleen) Neal of Alberta; nephews: Eric Neal of Pierre, SD, J. B. Neal of Blaine, and Jacob (Leah) Neal of Waconia; niece: Heather Neal of Kansas City, MO; step-nephew: David (Tricia Stewart) Guse of Elbow Lake and several cousins, and several great, and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.



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Funeral & Cremation Service

# I N L O V I N G *Memory*

