



Debra “Deb” Louise Negen was born on May 19, 1953, to Roger and Beatrice (Swenson) Matson in Willmar, Minnesota. She attended rural Willmar Schools and graduated from Willmar High School in 1971. Debra earned a degree

in secretarial studies from the Vo-Tech, then proceeded to work for numerous banks in Willmar. On June 1, 1974, Debra was united in marriage to Jerry Negen and they were blessed with two boys, Jeremy and Michael. Jerry and Debra made their home near Roseland for 25 years and then moved to her family farm, where she was born and raised. She loved living on the farm and really had a passion for mowing the lawn, but her favorite thing was to attend her son’s sporting events. She was their number one fan and was so proud of them. Later on, her greatest joy was her four grandchildren. She cherished every moment and memory with them. For any expected visit, grandma was waiting by the door, sometimes a half hour early. The last few years she really looked forward to hearing the grandchildren giggle in the summer at the cabin.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jerry of Willmar; two sons and four grandchildren, Jeremy & Erica Negen (Arthur & Ruby) of Jordan and Michael and Laura Jill Negen (Sophia & Henry) of Willmar, besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Dean and one sister, Diane.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Deb Negen*

*1953 - 2022*

## FOOTPRINTS

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome  
times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never  
leave you never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then I  
that carried you."

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In Loving Memory Of

# Deb Negen

May 19, 1953  
Willmar, Minnesota

September 22, 2022  
Willmar, Minnesota

## Celebration of Life Service

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.  
Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Svea, Minnesota

Prelude	Kari Stadem
Processional	
Welcome	
Opening Prayer	
Hymn	<i>"Children Of The Heavenly Father"</i> No. 781
Scripture readings	
Solo	<i>"The Old Rugged Cross"</i> Kari Stadem
Meditation	Rev. Dean E. Johnson
Hymn	<i>"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"</i> No. 742
Creed, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer	
Commendation	
Recessional	<i>"MN Gopher Rouser"</i> (voted on 3-1 by Deb's family)
Postlude	

## Interment

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery  
Svea, Minnesota