

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.

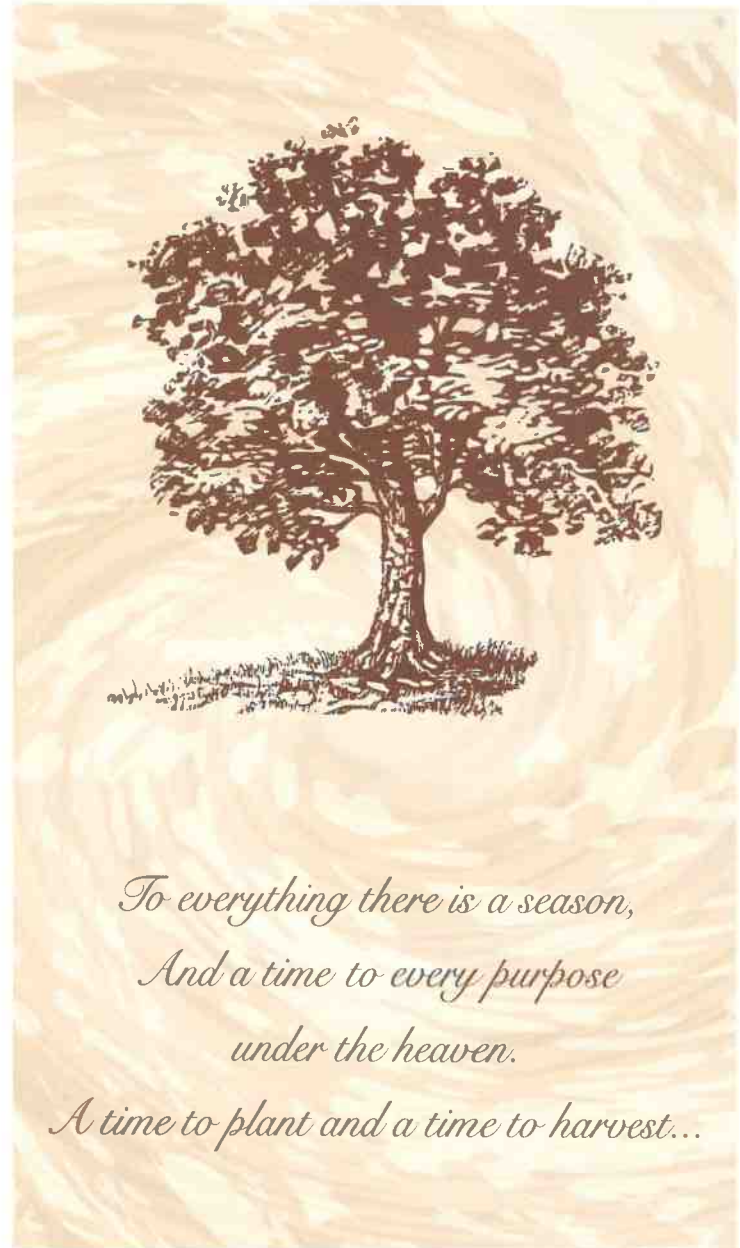
I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

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."



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Willard Myron Post was born to Simon and Gertrude (Meendering) Post on November 23, 1940, in Iowa, near Hudson, South Dakota. He grew up on the farm and attended country school through the 8th grade. After graduating he worked on the farm. He joined the National Guard out of Canton, South Dakota in November 1959 and served for 6 years. In October 1961, Willard was called back to active duty for 8

months. He received an honorable discharge from the National Guard in November 1965.

On December 27, 1962, Willard married Janet (Van Voorst) and the couple lived on the farm north of Doon, Iowa. He continued to farm with his dad and brother Ken. After he quit farming, Willard and Janet moved to Doon. Willard worked in construction and later at Kooima Manufacturing in Rock Valley, Iowa.

He loved time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Willard enjoyed the many trips he and Janet went on as well as the winters they spent in Mission, Texas. Willard also liked fishing at lakes and in Canada. He was a life-long member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation. Willard died Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 82.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 60 years, Janet Post of Doon; 2 children and their spouses: son, Terry (Brenda) Post, and daughter, Pam (Scott) Van Engen, both of Doon; 4 grandchildren, Zach (Annie) Van Engen, Andrea (Toby) Upkes, Kole Van Engen, and Samantha (Kolten) Van Voorst; 4 great-grandchildren, Lily Upkes, Charles Upkes, Owen Van Engen and Alaina Upkes. He is also survived by his brother, Ken (Tracy) Post; sister, Wilma Van Bommel; and siblings-in-law, Joan Post, Wayne Van Voorst, Sheryl (Norm) Vande Berg, James (Linda) Van Voorst, Carl (Jan) Van Voorst, Esther Van Der Brink, Marv (Janice) Van Voorst, Norma (Steve) Van Vliet, Ruth Vander Helm, Leann (Mike) Klootwyk, and Dave (Lisa) Van Voorst.

Those who preceded Willard in death were his parents; parents-in-law; brother, Marv Post; brothers-in-law, Alvin Van Bommel and Ron Van Der Brink; sister-in-law, Arlene Van Voorst; and an infant daughter, Judy Annette Post.

In Loving Memory
Willard Myron Post

November 23, 1940 ~ October 17, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 AM, Friday, October 20, 2023
Netherlands Reformed Congregation
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. J.J. Witvoet

ORGANIST

Alma den Hoed

PSALTERS

"The Fatherly Love of God" #278 vs.1-5
"Mortality and Immortality" #274 vs.1-3

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kole Van Engen ~ Kolten Van Voorst

PALLBEARERS

Terry Post ~ Scott Van Engen
Zach Van Engen ~ Toby Upkes
Scott Van Bommel ~ Curt Van Voorst

MILITARY RITES

Doon American Legion Rock River Post 476

INTERMENT

Hillside Cemetery
Doon, Iowa

Willard's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the Netherlands Reformed Christian School following the committal service at the cemetery.