



Light Of Heaven

*I felt the light of heaven
It was shining down on me,
I heard His voice, He called my name,
“my child, come follow Me”;
There is no pain, there is no hurt
Nor sadness anywhere,
In heaven there is joy and love
And I’ll be waiting there;
For on the day I left this earth
I felt your many tears,
And now I watch you from above
And keep you very near;
It hurts to be apart from me, but
Be patient for the day,
When we meet again in love and peace
When you too come this way.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lena Marie Gagnon

WHO WAS BORN
November 5, 1917
Pocahontas, Iowa

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
April 14, 2023
Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, April 28, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
St. John’s Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father Brian Oestreich

MUSICIAN
Jen Wittnebel, Organist

CASKET BEARERS
Jim Walters | Troy Morschen | Jesse Gagnon
Ann Ebbe | Kim Reohl | Gary Denial

HONORARY BEARERS
Grandson: Jon Amen
Great-Grandsons:
Shane Amen | Dale Amen | Christopher Walters
Andrew Gagnon | Jake Gagnon | Ryan Gagnon
Great-Great-Granddaughters: Megan Walters and Haley Walters

INTERMENT
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Marie’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family
for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

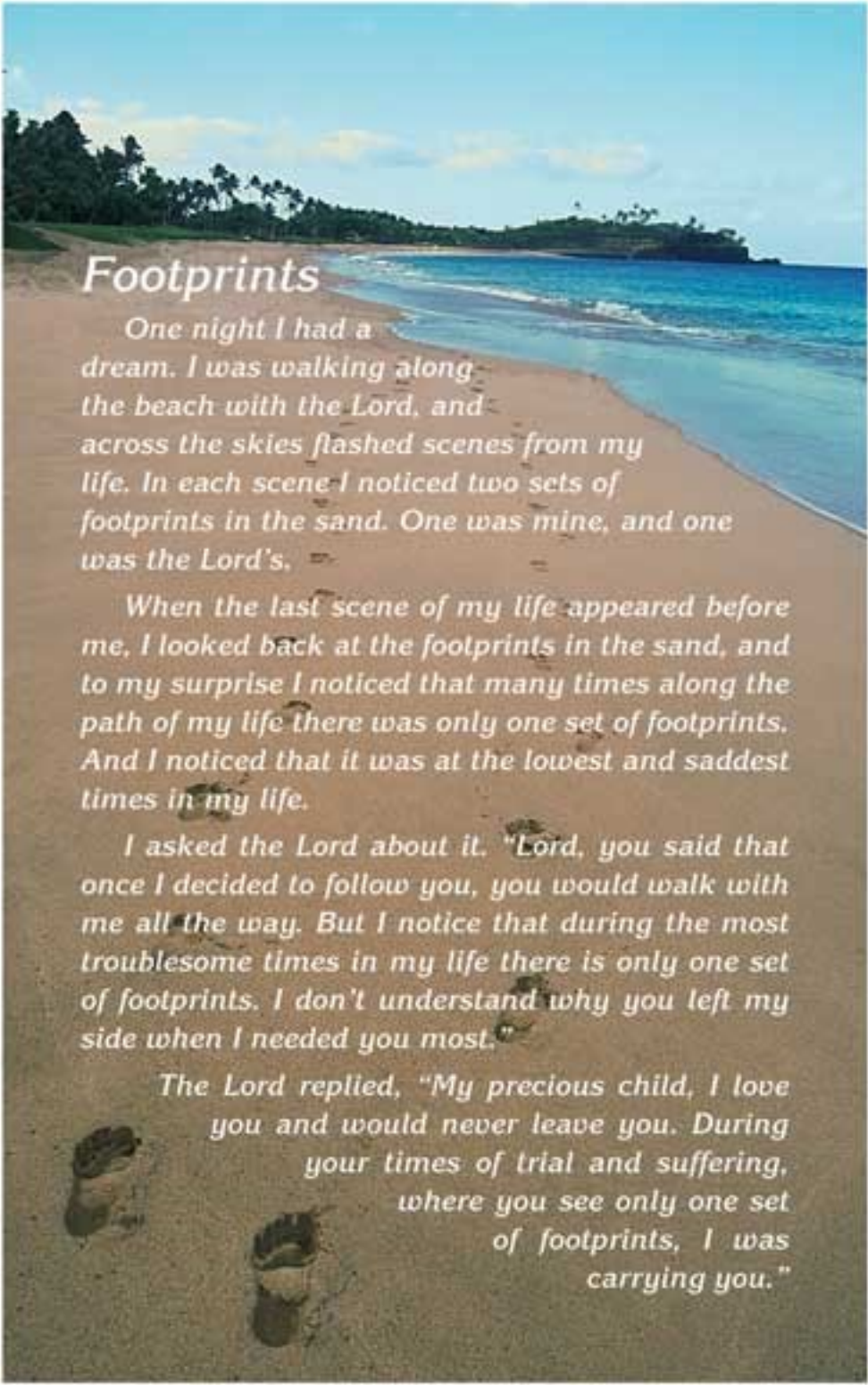
Lena Marie Gagnon was born on November 5, 1917, to Fred and Emma (Herman) Barnhardt in Pocahontas, IA. She attended elementary school in Pocahontas until the age of seven, when the family moved to Wilmot, SD. The family later moved to Big Stone City, SD, where Lena attended school until the 8th grade. Lena's family eventually settled on a farm near the town of Donnelly, MN.

Lena married Philip Gagnon on March 15, 1937, and she has lived in Ortonville since then. She was a homemaker, raised three children, and was active in the church. She assisted with funeral dinners, and the Bowl of Love ministry. Lena received the Bishop's Medal in 1999, in recognition of her service taking care of the church linens and her dedication to prayer for others and for her church.

Lena loved her plants: tending her flowers, growing and canning vegetables, and nurturing her house plants. She also canned delicious pickles and chokecherry jelly. She enjoyed crochet projects and needle work. Lena's true passion was baking, especially bread and cookies.

Lena Gagnon is survived by her children: Joe Gagnon of Big Stone City, SD; and Diane (Richard) Helmer of Chaska, MN; grandchildren: Kathy, Ann, Karen, De Anna, and Jesse; great-grandchildren: Andrew, Chris, Shane, Dale, Evan, and Jake; and great-great-granddaughters: Megan and Haley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Philip; son, Dale Gagnon; grandson, Dean Gagnon; four brothers; and one sister.



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."