

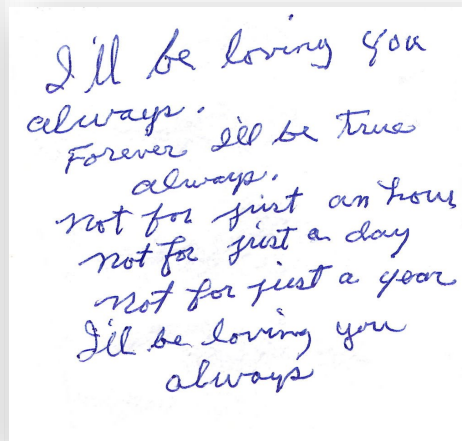
One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked 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."



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Margaret Ann Van Veen

WHO WAS BORN

October 3, 1946
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

August 8, 2022
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, August 13, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
American Lutheran Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT - Reverend Justin Neugebauer

MUSICIANS

Pam Neugebauer, Accompanist
Ray Ogdahl, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Dusty Prisinger | Brandon Prisinger | Jeremy Van Veen
Greg Johnson | Karl Steege | Mark Mueller

HONORARY BEARERS

American Lutheran Church Quilters
Weight Watchers Crew
Alex Ergun | Delaney Van Veen | Julian Van Veen

INTERMENT

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Margaret's family thanks you for your presence at the service and for your many acts and words of kindness. Following the interment, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the Church Fellowship Hall.



ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



Margaret Ann (Martin) Van Veen was born on October 3, 1946, in Milbank, SD. She was the first-born child of Eugene and Anna (Huneger) Martin. She was born prematurely, weighing in at 3 pounds 6 ounces! "Priscilla", as her father would always call her, was the apple of her dad's eye. Margaret attended country school at Lockwood #1 in Roberts County through the 8th grade. She went on to attend Milbank High School where she graduated in 1964.

Margaret's first job was cleaning lake cabins at Schmidt's Landing on Big Stone Lake. Being the oldest of eight Martin

siblings, Margaret learned at an early age how to be an exceptional caregiver and provider. With a loving heart, she would help her parents care for her younger siblings, including cooking and cleaning. Margaret babysat for several families in Milbank. One of her greatest joys in life was holding babies.

In 1965, Margaret married Marlow Oltman. They had two daughters, Annette and Angela Oltman. She worked at the JC Penney store in Milbank. She was the produce manager at Bill's SuperValu. On April 22, 1977, Margaret was united in marriage to Don Van Veen. To this union, Jason, Justin, and Jessica Van Veen were born.

Margaret loved to volunteer her time and help wherever she was needed. Her faith in God was at the center of her life. She was a faithful member of American Lutheran Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher, shared her talents as a quilter, and served on the board for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. She often participated in community service projects including working in the kitchen at the annual Twin Brooks Threshing Show and volunteering at the Milbank Community Thrift Shop. Her proudest title was homemaker, where she could showcase all of her talents as a devoted wife and mother.

Margaret loved to listen to country music and whistled along to her favorites. Margaret bowled on women's league and couples' league with her sweetheart, Don. She enjoyed social time with all of her friends at Weight Watchers meetings.

Margaret was known for her terms of endearment, calling every person "sweetie", "doll", or "hun". She was a hard worker and perfectionist which could be seen through her countless works and hobbies. Margaret enjoyed everything in nature, especially animals and gardening. She was a conservationist who lived by the saying, "Waste not, want not." She could make a dead leaf grow! She was especially famous for growing beautiful African violets and often gave them as gifts. She was a talented painter with exceptional use of color. Margaret was an excellent seamstress who could fix any piece of clothing in need of TLC. She could sew anything you could imagine and made the most beautiful dresses. She did it all, even was known as the family barber. Baking and cooking were her strong suits. She was the "hostess with the mostest" and loved preparing delicious food. She was known for her cake decorating skills and her famous homemade buns. Also, it is important to note that there was always time for coffee. Some of her most cherished moments were sharing conversation with family and friends accompanied by a good cup of coffee with her home baked sweet treats.

Margaret's devotion to family was strong. She and Don were an inseparable couple, proud of all of their children and grandchildren. Her beautiful memory will live on in family members and all who loved her.

Left to cherish Margaret's memory are her loving husband of 45 years, Don Van Veen, of Milbank, SD; her adoring children: Annette Oltman of Sioux Falls, SD; Angela (Mustafa Ergun) Oltman of Eden Prairie, MN; Jason Van Veen of Watertown, SD; Justin Van Veen of Milbank, SD; and Jessica (Dylan Rossow) Van Veen of Fargo, ND; her cherished grandchildren: Alexander Ergun, Delaney and Julian Van Veen; her six dear siblings: Patricia (Gary) Schriever of Sioux Falls, SD; Eugene "Butch" (Mary Jo) Martin of Sioux Falls, SD; Theresa Martin-Tober of Bismarck, ND; and Pamela (Duane) Prisinger of Milbank, SD; Greg (Mary) Martin of Ahwatukee, AZ; and Steven (Valeri) Martin of Peoria, AZ; and her in-laws: Joan Johnson of Milbank, SD; and David (Carmen) Van Veen of Milbank, SD. She is also survived by numerous loved nieces, nephews, and her faithful dog, Toby.

Margaret was preceded into death by her parents, Eugene "Gene" and Anna (Huneger) Martin; her father and mother-in-law, Joseph and Cora (Boe) Van Veen; her brothers and sisters-in-law: Richard and Eileen (Van Veen) Pierson, Phillip Johnson; and Carolyn (Van Veen) Steege. She is reunited, at last, with infant son, Douglas Van Veen; and sister, Jackie Martin.



In Loving Memory