FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord. 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."

OVING

Dona Lee Vanderby Age 80

September 8, 1942 Wisconsin Twsp., MN November 24, 2022 Alexandria, MN

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM Anderson Funeral Home Chapel Alexandria, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Pastor Jonathan Jahnke

MUSIC

Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art Old Rugged Cross

PALLBEARERS

Nathan Vanderby Travis Vanderby Tyler Vanderby Jeffrey Soupir Jocelyn Gettel Evan Gettel Lexi Hagen Mariah Hagen

INTERMENT

Nelson Cemetery Nelson, Minnesota **Dona Lee Vanderby,** the daughter of Loyd and Irma (Winter) Barie, was born on September 8, 1942, in Wisconsin Township near Alpha, MN. Dona graduated from Superior High School in IA and then took home courses for upholstery school for two years. Just after high school, Dona met the love of her life, Allen Vanderby, at the People's Café in Esterville, IA. They were united in marriage on October 1, 1961 in Superior, IA at United Methodist Church. To this union three children were born, Terry, Tammy, and Tanya.

Dona worked hard all of her life. She worked at People's Café in Esterville, Berkley's in Spirit Lake, Montgomery Wards in St. Paul, Fingerhut in Alexandria, and 45 years as an owner/operator of Dona's Upholstery in Osakis. Dona kept busy when she was not working at the upholstery shop, by baking, playing cards, drinking coffee with friends and her coffee buddy Diane Chouanard, crossword puzzles, camping, and an occasional trip to the casino. Dona made quilts and blankets for most of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also cross-stitched beautiful scenes for her family to enjoy as well. However, spending time with her family was Dona's favorite pastime. She loved having the grandkids stop in for visit. She will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Dona L. Vanderby, died on Thursday November 24, 2022, at Alomere Health in Alexandria at the age of 80 years old. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Allen Vanderby of Alexandria (formerly of Osakis); children, Terry (Denise) Vanderby of Glenwood, Tammy (Larry) Gettel of Osakis, and Tanya (Dane) Hagen of Alexandria; eight grandchildren, Nathan (Andreea) Vanderby, Travis (Bailey) Vanderby, Tyler Vanderby, Jeffrey Soupir, Jocelyn Gettel, Evan Gettel, Lexi Hagen, and Mariah Hagen; eight great grandchildren; Nicholas, William, Bryson, Case, Ava, Declan, Easton, and Brynlee; brother, Dennis (Judy Klemm) Barie; sister-in-law, Joan Barie; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dona was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Jeremy Gettel; daughter-in-law, Bernice Vanderby, and her brother, David Barie.

Arrangements by Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory Alexandria, Minnesota

Celebrating THE Life



Dona Lee Vanderby 1942 - 2022