

Susan Ruth was born on October 11, 1940, in St. Paul, Minnesota the daughter of Russell and Ruth Johnson. The family lived in the Highland Park area of St. Paul where Susan attended St. Paul Central High School, graduating in 1958. She furthered her education at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, MN as well as the University of Minnesota, receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Education.

While attending the U of M, Susan met Jay Diebold and on December 16, 1961 the couple was married at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. After their marriage they moved to the Netherlands, living there for three years before returning to Minnesota, eventually settling in Alexandria in 1973.

Family and friends were important to Susan and her two sons have fond memories of boating on Lake Carlos, playing frisbee and just hanging out on the water. Susan and Jay enjoyed a blessed life, with great memories of ski trips, trips to Florida with the boys, and going on several cruises with family and friends.

Susan was also an avid reader and card player. She volunteered at the local library, hospital and other area organizations. She was involved with several bridge groups, a member of P.E.O. and a member of Belle Lettres

She lived her life through the saying "The best way to have good friend is to BE a good friend." She will be greatly missed but the memories she helped create will be treasured forever.

Susan died on Saturday, April 7, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Jay; sons, Jay (Sarah), and Michael; grandchildren, Jay, Lindsie, Meg and Kate; great-grandson, Killian; sister, Lynn Anderson; brother, Steve as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

## **Footprints In The Sand**

*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 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 precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

*In Loving Memory of*

## **Susan Ruth Diebold**

October 11, 1940



April 7, 2018



### **Celebration of Life Service**

First Congregational Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, April 12, 2018

11:00 AM

### **Officiating**

Rev. Scott Keehn

### **Organist**

Margaret Kalina

### **Eulogy By**

JD Diebold

Lynn Anderson

Julie Allen

### **Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota