

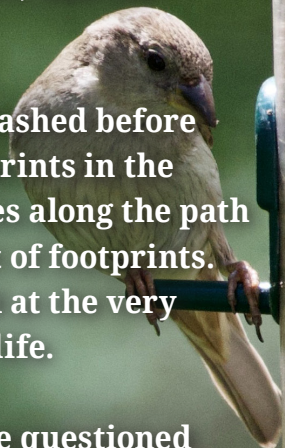
Footprints in the Sand

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 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."



Celebrating the Life of



Ruth Ann Schmidt

February 4, 1935–August 6, 2023



Ruth Ann Schmidt, 88, died on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

Ruth Ann Schmidt was born on February 4, 1935. Her parents were Ida May (McDaniel) and Henry W. Halverson. She was born in Mason City and graduated from Mason City High School in 1953.

She was united in marriage to Mervin Schmidt on February 18, 1955. They lived in the rural Greene area where she enjoyed helping Mervin with farming and livestock, working in the garden, canning and raising their children.

After attending a revival service, she placed her faith and trust in Jesus Christ when she was 33 years old. She loved old gospel hymns and would often sing her beloved hymns while making dinner for her family.

In 2006, they sold the farm and moved to Mason City where she was a member at Faith Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Mervin; son, Steven Schmidt of Greene and daughter, Brenda (Loren) Stoneberg of Bondurant; grandchildren, Derek (Brandi) Schmidt of Newton, Erik (Hannah) Stoneberg of Ankeny, Dustin Schmidt of Newton, Rachael (Richard) White of Omak, WA, Daniel Gramowski of Des Moines, and Paige Gramowski of Des Moines, and several great-grandchildren; brothers, Donald Halverson and George (Marge) Halverson; sisters, IdaMay (Lyle) Sorenson, Shirley Sahr and Mary Jane (Larry) Buckman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and Henry Halverson; sisters, Sandra Thoman-Touet and Marlene Halverson; son, Richard Schmidt; and daughter, Sara Schmidt.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 12, 2023
Faith Baptist Church
Mason City, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tim Moore

MUSIC

Brenda Moore, organist
“Sheltered In The Arms Of God”
“It Will Be Worth It All”
Erik Stoneberg, guitarist
Loren Stoneberg, vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Steve Schmidt	Derek Schmidt
Dustin Schmidt	Loren Stoneberg
Erik Stoneberg	Daniel Gramowski
	Richard White

INTERMENT

Rose Hill Cemetery
Greene, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Ruth Schmidt.

Major Erickson
Funeral Home and Crematory