



## *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."*



*In Loving Memory of*



*Dorothy Mae Stark*

May 2, 1930 – March 23, 2023

**Dorothy Mae (Springer) Stark, 92**, of Mason City, passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the IOOF Home.

Dorothy was born on May 2, 1930, in Mason City, Iowa, to parents Neal and Johanna (Sampson) Springer. She attended school at the Mason City Schools. Dorothy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Charles J. Stark, on February 15, 1956. Dorothy had two daughters from a previous marriage and three children with Charles.

Dorothy loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed working with her flowers and her little kitty. Dorothy was a past member of Women of the Moose and the CB Club.

Dorothy is survived by Susan (Jim) Kingston, Martha (Roland) Straube, Diane (Dave) Myers; son-in-law, Ed Frank; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was welcomed into heaven by her husband, Charles; parents, Neal and Johanna Springer; daughter, Marcia Kaye Frank; son, Mike Stark; one grandchild, seven brothers and two sisters.

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**FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
Major Erickson Funeral Home  
Mason City, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Daniel Hanson

**MUSIC**

"Dancing in the Sky"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Old Rugged Cross"  
"You Are My Sunshine"  
"Go Rest High on that Mountain"

**PALLBEARERS**

Dillion Bull	Hunter Bull
Kody Emery	Kory Kuchel
Kayla Emery	Cody Winter

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Anthony Myers	Joe Christeson
Jeff Bull	

**INTERMENT**

Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery  
Mason City, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon following the committal service in the fellowship hall at Trinity Lutheran Church.

*Memorials may be directed to the family of Dorothy Stark.*

MAJOR ERICKSON  
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY

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