



Footprints

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



David

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 15, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
Calvary Free Lutheran Church
Fosston, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Mark Richardson

Memories

Greg Swanson

Pianist

Betty Johnson

Violinist

Heidi Swanson (Granddaughter)

Special Music

Prelude & Postlude - Heidi Swanson

Tim Johnson - "I'll Fly Away"

Steve, Tracy & Heidi Swanson - "Where Could I Go"

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Honorary Pallbearers

Gerald's Grandchildren & Great grandchildren

Active Pallbearers

Steve Swanson - Greg Swanson - Brett Swanson

Jesse Swanson - Milt Pazdernik - Rosie Pazdernik

J.D. Arguelles

Place of Rest

Trinity Free Lutheran Cemetery

Rural McIntosh, Minnesota



Please stay for visiting and a bite to eat immediately following the service today.

The committal service at the cemetery will after the lunch.



Gerald Thomas Swanson was born on June 9, 1947, in McIntosh, Minnesota to parents Martin and Karen (Engesether) Swanson. He was raised in McIntosh and attended McIntosh High School. After high school, he moved to the Twin Cities to find work. He was united in marriage to Carol LaVerne Pittman on July 20, 1966, and they just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. He and Carol moved back to McIntosh in later years through the present time.

Gerald loved to go fishing and take his grandkids to the lake for a weekend. He was a hard worker and loved to take the Amish to weddings, funerals, and many needed trips around the area. He loved to help people and, most of all, he dearly loved his family.

Gerald passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022, with his family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 75 years.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of McIntosh; two sons, Gregory (Karen) of Fargo, ND, and Steven (Tracy) of Crookston, MN; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers and four sisters.

Blessed be his memory



The qr code to the left is Gerald's video tribute. Simply hold the camera on your phone over the code and press the link that appears.

