



## *Footprints*

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

*Vicki Lynn Oakes*

WHO WAS BORN

May 15, 1962  
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 18, 2023  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, December 22, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.  
Living Hope Fellowship Assembly of God Church  
Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor David Homrighausen

MUSICIAN

Jerolyn Homrighausen

APPRECIATION

Vicki’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church fellowship area.

*Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Ortonville, Minnesota*

Vicki Lynn (Weeding) Oakes was born on May 15, 1962, in Graceville, MN, to Eugene and Janet (Homrighausen) Weeding. She attended school in Ortonville and graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1980. Vicki attended some college in Moorhead, MN.

On December 20, 1980, Vicki was united in marriage with Dan Oakes at Zion Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN. That same year, Dan accepted a job in Salt Lake City, UT, where the two made their home for a few years, then moved to the Twin Cities area and lived there for 12 years. In 1995, Vicki and Dan came back to Ortonville and made their permanent home. The couple was blessed with one son, Trenton.

Being a big part of the Ortonville area, Vicki worked as a Community Development Coordinator for the Economic Development Agency. She was also one of the MN Bump founders and the Ortonville connection/blogger for the website. Vicki was also a big part of planning and zoning for Big Stone County.

Vicki's hobbies included video recording weddings, sporting events, and creating slideshows for many community events. She was self-taught on all of the programs she used and was a quick learner. Vicki was very active in the Assembly of God Church, serving as a Sunday School Teacher, attending Women's Conferences, and attending family camp in the summers. She loved taking photos of anything and everything that caught her eye, had a great love of dogs, and enjoyed going for a leisurely drive around the Big Stone Lake area.

Left to cherish Vicki's memory are her husband, Dan; son, Trenton; father, Gene Weeding; sisters: Heidi Weeding, and Stacy (Isaiah) Longnecker; brothers: Rick (Arlene) Ross, Tim Ross, Calvin Ross, and Dalvin Ross; nieces and nephews: Owen, Ellis, Cali, Bryant, and Chris Longnecker, Jesse Oakes (Emily Johnson), Jason (Lucinda) Oakes, Isaac (Kathleen) Oakes, Dani Oakes, Brooke (Reed) Oakes-Hartman, Justin (Rebecca) Hanson, Aaron Oakes, and Sean Oakes; along with many other family members and friends.

Preceding her in death are her mother, Janet Weeding; brother, Troy Weeding; and her grandparents: Frank and Wanda Homrighausen, and Syllas and Jo Weeding.

