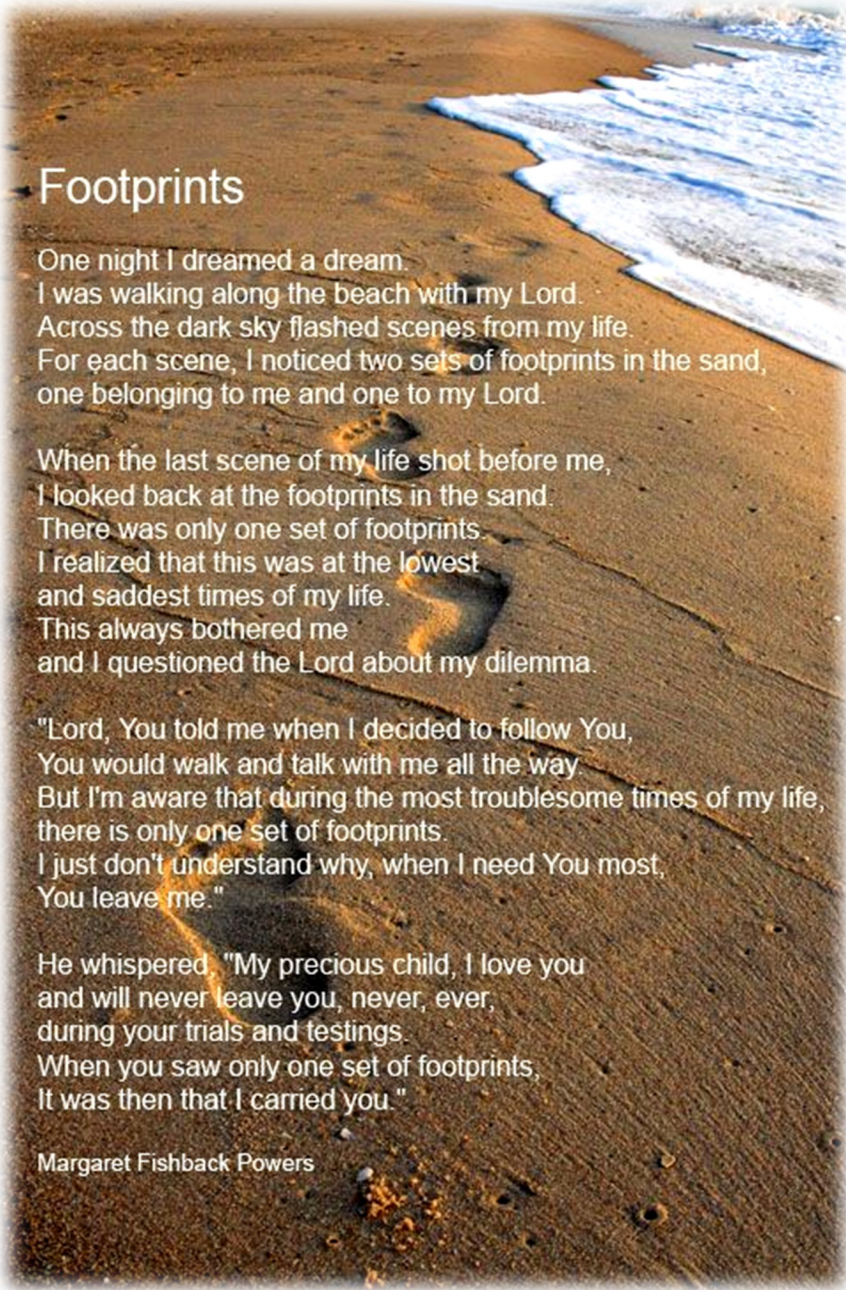




Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
There was only one set of footprints.
I realized that this was at the lowest
and saddest times of my life.
This always bothered me
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You,
You would walk and talk with me all the way.
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I just don't understand why, when I need You most,
You leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you
and will never leave you, never, ever,
during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers


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Trudy Collins, age 78, of Clark, died Friday afternoon, March 15, 2024 at Avantara in Lake Norden with family by her side.

Trudy was born March 21, 1945, to John and Edith (Sandvik) Barton in Webster, SD where she joined a sister, Terry. In the early 1950's, they packed up and moved to Woodland Township in Clark County where she attended Woodland Township Country School for the first 8 years and then went to Clark High School and graduated in 1963.

In 1966, Trudy was united in marriage to Charles "Chuck" Welk to which two children were born, Patrick and Wendy. During her life she worked in many cafés including the Playhouse Restaurant, and the Clark Lanes, and she also helped Connie Merkel sell clothing at the Clothing Nook. She followed her children through school attending all of their events. After Chuck passed in 1986, she married Bill Collins in 1988.

Some of her hobbies in life were embroidering, gardening, and word search puzzles.

Trudy lived in the Wookey's Assisted Living Center after being diagnosed with dementia/Alzheimer's. While there, she liked to help clean up flower beds, play domino's and do her word search puzzles.

She moved to the Avantara Nursing home in Lake Norden, SD in the fall of 2022 to the Alzheimer's unit as her disease was progressing. She resided there until her death.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Barton, her mother Edith (Sandvik) Barton, her husband Charles "Chuck" Welk and her husband William "Bill" Collins.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her children, Patrick and Cheri (Carlson) Welk of Sioux Falls, SD, Wendy (Welk) and Courtney Davis of Watertown, SD, her grandchildren, Taylor and Emily Welk, Brady Welk, Skylar (Welk) and Joey Bednarek, Kayla (Carlson) and Patrick Prasch, Kari (Carlson) and Ben Fleming and great grandchildren, Stevie Welk, Kate Welk, Lincoln Welk, Brynna Bednarek, Kaisley Bednarek, Finley Prasch, Cooper Fleming, and Merritt Fleming. She is also survived by Bill's children, Brian Collins, Linda (Collins) Wells, Carol (Collins) Dix, Mark Collins, Joanne (Collins) Grohs and their children and grandchildren, and her sister, Terry (Barton) and Dennis Hubbard of Watertown, SD.



Celebrating the Life of Trudy (Welk) Collins



Private Family Prayer Service

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Officiant

Pastor Rob Salmonson

Casket Bearers

Taylor Welk
Joey Bednarek
Ben Fleming

Brady Welk
Patrick Prasch
Courtney Davis

Interment

St. Boniface Cemetery
Clark, South Dakota



*The family of Trudy Welk thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*