

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."

Mary Stevenson



In Loving Memory



Heather Johannsen

January 23, 1970—July 28, 2023

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Heather Johannsen, age 53, died Friday, July 28, 2023 at Avantara of Clark surrounded by loving family and friends.

On January 23, 1970 in Aberdeen, SD, Collene (Uecker) and John Johannsen welcomed their baby girl, Heather Lynn Johannsen to the family. With all of Collene's medical issues she was told not to have any more children, so on October 3, 1973, they adopted Darin into their family. They lived near Mansfield until she was five when they moved to the farm north of Raymond near Grandpa Bill and Grandma Mavis Uecker. She was truly a cowgirl spending a lot of time on her horse attending horse shows and rodeos; participating in barrel racing, pole bending, and goat tying. Heather was also in 4-H where she showed cattle. She attended Clark Schools graduating with the Class of 1988. Heather was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Raymond.

Following graduation, she lived for awhile in Jackson, MN before returning home. She worked at Payless Shoes in Watertown, Developmental Center in Redfield, and the Double R Bar in Raymond before working twenty years at the Clark Nursing Home as a CNA and another two years as the head of the Dietary Dept. In 2012, following her dreams, she purchased the Double Espresso and in 2014 expanded her business, Heather's Bistro, to it's current location. She loved the business and chatting with all her customers.

Heather enjoyed camping, hanging out with her many close friends, spending time with family, and following her nephew, Sloan Johannsen, on the wrestling circuit. She could be seen often driving the streets of Clark in her beloved Mustang convertible with her sidekick, Buttons. She lived life to the fullest going through the good and the bad with a strong will and determination. She was a fun-loving, compassionate, spunky gal who was strongly devoted to her family and friends.

Heather was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents and several aunts and uncles.

She leaves behind her brother, Darin (Amanda) Johannsen, Watertown, nephew, Sloan Johannsen, Watertown, many aunts, uncles, cousins and several very special friends.



Celebrating the Life of Heather Johannsen



Funeral Services from

Clark High School Gymnasium
Clark, South Dakota
Friday, August 4, 2023
10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Randy Bader

Music

Barb Wegman - pianist
Cindy Frederick - soloist
"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Honorary Casket Bearers

Bobbie Palmer, the Bistro Crew,
& Heather's Very Special Friends

Casket Bearers

Jon Moeller	Ryan Claussen
Brad Lamb	Paul Fuller
Jamey Gloe	Scott Finstad

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery
Clark, South Dakota



*Please join the family after the burial for lunch and a
time of fellowship in the school commons area.*

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