

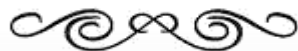
# FOOTPRINTS

*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 noticed 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, it was then that I carried you."*



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A close-up photograph of a cluster of small, vibrant purple flowers, likely lilacs, with green leaves visible in the background. The flowers are in sharp focus, while the background is softly blurred.

*In Loving Memory*

Marlene A. (Roy) Townsend, age 69, rural Willow Lake, died peacefully in her home early Wednesday morning, January 22, 2020, after nearly a 7 year, hard fought battle due to cancer.

She was born Marlene Ardell Dingman on October 16, 1950, at Platte, SD, the daughter of Ralph and Darlene (Dozark) Dingman. Marlene attended school in Chamberlain graduating in 1969.

On October 25, 1969, she was united in marriage to Roy Townsend. The couple has lived near Willow Lake for many years. While living at Willow Lake she thoroughly enjoyed running the Drive Inn, working at the Willow Lake School as janitor and at the Willow Lake Café, and helping area farmers pick potatoes. Marlene was never afraid of working. In fact, until ill health forced her retirement, she enjoyed working as a welder at Bobcat in Gwinner, ND, a talent she learned on the job. She became the go-to person at Bobcat for many welders that were learning or had questions.

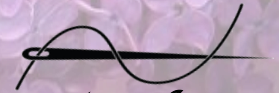
In her free moments, Marlene spent many hours at her embroidery machine working on crafts, spending time with and loving animals, especially horses, and working at the South Dakota State Fair, even working at the 2019 event.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a son, Scott Townsend, and her mother-in-law, Helena Townsend.

Survivors include husband Roy Townsend, daughters, Trudie (Steve) McGavock of Spring, TX, and Aimee Townsend of Howard, 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She also leaves a sister Wanita (Bob) Johnson of Otto, NC.



## *Celebrating the Life of Marlene Townsend*



### *Services from*

United Methodist Church  
Carpenter, South Dakota  
Saturday, January 25, 2020  
11:00 AM

### *Officiant*

Pastor Brenda Wicks

### *Music*

Pianist – Crystal Grann

“In The Garden”

“The Old Rugged Cross” - Lisa Bruley

Special Record Music- “My Heart Will Go On” - Celine Dion

### *Casketbearers*

Gary and Doug Dozark, Jim Opsahl, Mace Roberts,  
Darin Michalski, and Steve Kannegieter

### *Interment at a Later Date*

Richland Cemetery  
Carpenter, South Dakota



Following the services, please join the family for lunch  
& a time of fellowship in the church basement.

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