

Carmelita L. Iversen

Carmelita was born in San Antonio, Zambales, Republic of the Philippines on November 18, 1949. She was the eldest child of Prudencio, a farmer, and Consolacion (Callo) Lazaro. She attended school in San Antonio, and graduated from secretarial college, she then worked briefly in local government before beginning work at San Miguel Naval Station as a housekeeper. Later

she began working on Subic Bay Naval Station as a housekeeper, where she met her future husband, Dennis, who was stationed there with the US Navy. She and Dennis were married on March 9, 1981.

In 1982, they moved to South Dakota, where they lived for the remainder of her life. The family lived briefly in Blunt and Murdo before settling in Sturgis in 1989. Carmelita began working at the Sturgis Hospital, first in the dietary department and then as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), where she remained until her death. She was highly revered by both staff and patients for her dedication, patience, and caring.

Family was Carmelita's highest priority. She was a talented cook and hosted countless holiday gatherings. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Generous and thoughtful, she could often be found shopping at JC Penny for gifts for her family and co-workers. She was also creative and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and on rare occasions, playing guitar.

Carmelita "Clarita" Callo (Lazaro) Iversen, 64, of Sturgis, died Thursday, June 12, 2014, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis; daughter, Elizabeth; son, Donald; two grandchildren, Gabriel and Liam; as well as three younger brothers, still in the Philippines.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



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1949 ~ 2014

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



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."

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Died

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Funeral Service

Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Chaplain Randy Bradley

Accompanist

Zarah Mattox

Soloist

Hillary Hill

Musical Selections

"The Desert Song"
"Country Road"
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Pallbearers

Brody Andersen ~ Derek Johnson
Sid Pond ~ Jeremy Pond

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota