



## 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 precious, 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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Caroline Renee Eli, age 78, of Carrington, ND, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 1, 2016, in Golden Acres Manor, Carrington.

Caroline Richter was born December 27, 1937, in Bismarck, ND, to Frank and Margaret (Hust) Richter. She was raised and educated in Bismarck. Caroline was united in marriage to William Eli on June 30, 1956, in McHenry, ND. Together they operated the family farm and raised three daughters and three sons; Kathern, Theodore, Audrey, Florence, Curtis, and Wayne.

In her retirement, Caroline was an avid writer of editorials for local newspapers. She was actively involved in political discussions in her community; Caroline also enjoyed bingo and cards at the senior citizen center.

She is survived by her children, Kathern (Joseph) Chisham, Mt. Hope, KS, Theodore Eli, Mitchell, SD, Audrey (Larry) Fliflet, McVillage, ND, Florence (George) Marson, Mt. Hope, KS, Curtis (Barb) Eli, Carrington, ND, and Wayne Eli; fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Caroline was preceded in death by her husband William Eli, her parents; sisters Magdeline Richter of Water Free, OR, Annie Burttts of Sacramento, CA, and twins Barbara and Catherine Richter, Freida Overbeck, Bismarck; also her brothers Anton of Tuttle, ND, Jacob of Bismarck, Ted Becknall, San Jose, CA, Eddy Becknall, Bismarck, John Becknall, Bismarck, Henry Becknall.

In Loving Memory Of

## *Caroline Renee Eli*

December 27, 1937 – Bismarck, ND  
September 1, 2016 – Carrington, ND

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 3, 2016 – 2:00PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Carrington, ND

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Wes Glennen

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Clara Edwardson, organist  
Scott Beumer, vocalist

### HONORARY BEARERS

All of Caroline's Grandchildren  
And Great-Grandchildren

### BURIAL

Glenfield Cemetery

Arrangements By

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