

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."



In Loving Memory Of

Shirley F. Korenchen

July 9, 1930 - November 19, 2018

In Shirley's own words.

Shirley Frances Korenchen was born on July 9, 1930 to John and Muriel (Schieffert) Marion in Grenora, ND. She attended school there and graduated in 1948.

Following graduation, she was employed in Williston for 7 years, 6 of which were with Dr. TM Flath.

In 1955 she was married to Albert Korenchen of Aurora, MN at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Grenora.

Following the marriage, they spent the next 20 years in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. They were parents of 2 children, Kathie and Mike.

They returned to Williston permanently in 1970. Al passed away in 1985.

Shirley was employed at Mercy Hospital for 26 years as a lab secretary. While there she was involved in many of the volunteer areas. She still remained on the Auxiliary Board until her illness. She was also a Hospice volunteer as well as serving on the Hospice Board of Directors.

Shirley loved her church. She always said there was no better way to start the day than to attend daily Mass. She was involved with Catholic Daughters of the Americas and St. Joseph Altar band. She was a Eucharistic Minister for over 20 years, and a member of Cursillo. On Wednesdays and Fridays after 7 am mass, the "church ladies" would go for breakfast. This was a good time to visit and just be together.

One of her great joys was that on every Thursday of each week, she would go to Bethel and set up for Catholic Mass. This she did for many, many years and made some lasting friendships.

She had a great love for animals and always had a dog. Her dog that gave her comfort during her illness was Willy. What a dog.

She also had a great love for her flowers and salad garden.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Kathie (Jim) Ostgulen; her son, Michael (Marjorie); grandchildren, Hannah and Anthony; brothers, Paul of Seattle and David of Redmond, WA.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert; sister, Joyce and brothers, Michael and Patrick.

In Loving Memory

Shirley F. Korenchen

Born to John & Muriel Marion

July 9, 1930 ~ Grenora, North Dakota

Returned to Her Heavenly Father

November 19, 2018 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Mass

11:00 AM, Saturday, November 24, 2018

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Father Greg Luger

Reader

Marilyn McGinley

Gift Bearers

Laurie Evans

Mary Erickson

Music

Sarah Haugen ~ Cantor

G.P. Eleria ~ Accompanist

Honorary Pallbearers

Courthouse Breakfast Club

Final Resting Place

Riverview Cemetery ~ Williston, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Williston, North Dakota