

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
notice 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, precious child, I love you and would
never leave you. During the times of trial and
suffering, where you see only one set of
footprints, I was carrying you."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Robert Lee Hornstein

WHO WAS BORN
April 8, 1935
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
September 23, 2026
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
Living Word Lutheran Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Pastor Melanie Reiners

MUSICIAN
Vicki Strege, Accompanist

URN BEARERS
Andrew Blumhoefer | Hannah Blumhoefer | Isaac Blumhoefer

HONORARY BEARER
Richard Kvatum

MILITARY HONORS
American Legion Gertje Van Lith Post #229
Big Stone City, South Dakota

INURNMENT
Holden Lutheran Church Cemetery
Beardsley, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Robert's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the memorial service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church dining room.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home – Ortonville, Minnesota

Robert Lee Hornstein, was born in Graceville, MN, on April 8, 1935, to Bert Hornstein and Ethel (Yost) Hornstein. He grew up near Beardsley, MN, along Big Stone Lake, where he attended Beardsley School, then Hansen's Mechanical School in Fargo, ND.

In December of 1955, the Army drafted Robert into the 7th Infantry Headquarters Battery, 48th FA Battalion. He served in Korea and was honorably discharged in September of 1957. Robert was also active in the National Guard until 1962.

On October 7, 1961, Robert was united in marriage with Barbara Kvatum at Holden Lutheran Church in Beardsley. Together they were blessed with two children: Shelly and Steven, whom they raised by Big Stone Lake and later in Ortonville.

Robert had a mechanical mind and enjoyed operating Bob's Auto Repair in Ortonville. No need for a repairman when he could fix it himself. He liked to come up with solutions to problems and even was an inventor with his own patent. Later on, and up to his retirement, he drove semi-truck for Quast Transfer, Inc. and had many stories.

Robert lived his entire life near Big Stone Lake, either fishing, hunting, or boating. He handcrafted his own airboat, which could be heard by the neighbors.

He was introduced to motorcycles at the age of 12, and for the next 70 years he could be seen on one of 21 Harley-Davidsons that he enjoyed throughout his life.

Robert enjoyed sharing a joke, laugh, or smile with others no matter where he was or who he was with.

Robert is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Shelly (Scott) Blumhoefer; son, Steven (Tamie) Hornstein; grandchildren, Andrew (Haley) Blumhoefer, Hannah (Michael Jacks, Jr.) Blumhoefer, and Isaac Blumhoefer; brother-in-law, Dennis (Joan) Kvatum; and nephew, Richard Kvatum.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and parents-in-law: Robert and Nella Kvatum.

Please use this QR Code to view
Robert's online obituary and guestbook.

