



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 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

Richard Steven Brown

WHO WAS BORN

August 12, 1966
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

November 19, 2023
Milbank, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 25, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
Living Word Lutheran Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS

Landon Brown | Maiah Brown

URN BEARERS

Jacob Brown | Cole Brown

APPRECIATION

Richard’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a time of food of fellowship in the church dining room.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota*

Richard Steven Brown was born on August 12, 1966, in Milbank, SD, to Robert and Joyce (Beck) Brown. He grew up in Milbank and graduated from Milbank High School in 1984. Richard then went on to attain a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences from South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.

Richard was united in marriage with Dianna Struve on July 7, 1991. Richard then attained a master's degree in zoology from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and a doctorate in biology from the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

After his studies, Richard and Dianna moved to Richland, WA, where they had two children. Richard worked as a senior researcher at the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Richard wrote 120 publications with over 4,600 collective citations. He also travelled to a variety of countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Italy, Laos, Thailand, and New Zealand.

In 2017, Richard retired from his job due to health issues and moved to Milbank to help his family, where he remained until his passing.

Richard is survived by his wife, Dianna; children: Jacob and Cole Brown; brother, Joseph (Carla) Brown of Gretna, NE; sister, Jennifer Brown of Milbank, SD; father, Robert Brown of Milbank, SD; four nephews; and other extended family members and friends. Preceding him in death was his mother, Joyce Brown.



*A Father's steady hand
prepares us for
the world...
He endures
forever in
our hearts.*