



“Parting Words From Mom”

*I know you hurt and wonder what to do,
Your family and friends will be there for you.
What has happened is really the best,
I'm at peace and it's my turn to rest.*

*You'll cry for a while and that's okay,
But you'll smile again on another day.
Be at peace, my loves, for I am pain free.
I'm happy now, this was meant to be.*

*We've had our trials throughout the years,
Happy times and a lot of tears.
We've grown and came close together,
Which has made us strong and so much better.*

*So many things we wish we could be changed,
But God in his wisdom our life has arranged.
After you mourn a while, anger appears,
Then fond memories of the wonderful past years.*

*My arms are wide open to gather you near,
I'll be with you always, my family so dear.
Carry on with your lives and accept this to be,
I'm truly happy to see what's in store for me.*

*Smile when you think of me,
For I am finally, finally free.*

I love you all. Mom, Grandma, Wife

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Catherine Ann Teske

WHO WAS BORN

June 27, 1952
Montevideo, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 19, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Sandy Marquardt

URN BEARERS

All of Cathy's Grandchildren
Austin Haas | Ashley Kittelson | Jadin Haas
Reggi Raffety | Lincoln Raffety | Wyatt Teske | Leo Teske
Brady Teske | Henry Teske | Harper Teske | Warren Teske

INURNMENT

At A Later Date
Hope Cemetery
Odessa, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Cathy's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Catherine Ann (Johnson) Teske was born on June 27, 1952, in Montevideo, MN, to Verlin and Virginia (Winge) Johnson. She attended school in Montevideo graduated from Montevideo High School with the Class of 1970. Following high school, Cathy moved to Clara City, where she lived until 1976. That year, she settled in Odessa, MN, which became her home for nearly fifty years.

Beginning her journey of love and commitment, Cathy married Thomas Haas on April 15, 1972, in Clara City. Together, they were blessed with three children: Jason, Eli, and Heidi. Their time together was cut short by Tom's passing on November 6, 1988. Cathy's strength and resilience in the face of adversity were evident. Cathy later found love again and married Steve Teske on March 31, 2001, in Ortonville, MN, and added two more children to her family: Cody and Ethan.

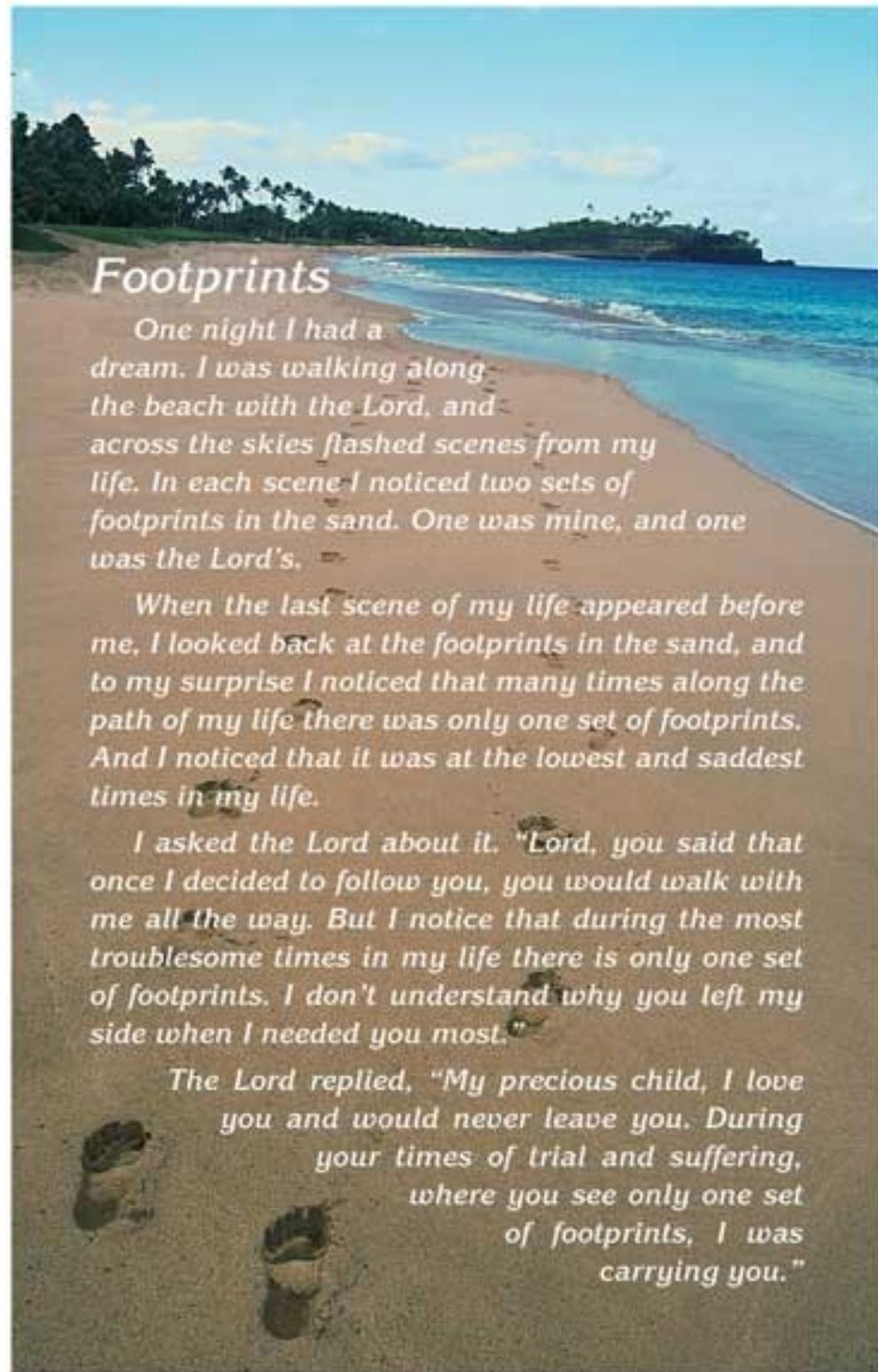
Cathy's dedication to her community was unparalleled. She devoted 36 years to serving on the Odessa City Council, 27 of which she faithfully led as mayor. Her commitment to public service extended beyond her elected role; she volunteered for an outstanding 24 and a half years with the Odessa Fire Department, embodying the spirit of service that so many admired. Additionally, she served the youth in her community for 30 years at the Ortonville School.

Beyond her impressive public service career, Cathy enjoyed a rich life filled with diverse interests. She was an avid reader, a lover of puzzles, and found joy in the outdoors, particularly through deer hunting. A spirited competitor, Cathy relished playing darts, sharing friendly banter with friends and family alike. Yet, her greatest joy came from the time spent with her family and friends.

Left to cherish Cathy's memory are her husband, Steve Teske of Odessa, MN; children: Jason (Amy) Haas of Odessa, MN; Heidi (Micah) Raffety of Ramsey, MN; Cody (Karley) Teske of Ortonville, MN; and Ethan (Halie) Teske of Owatonna, MN; 11 grandchildren: Austin Haas, Ashley (Jacob) Kittelson, Jadin Haas, Reggi Raffety, Lincoln Raffety, Wyatt Teske, Leo Teske, Brady Teske, Henry Teske, Harper Teske, and Warren Teske; brothers: David (Janet) Johnson of Andover, MN; and Tim (Sara) Sabe of Clara City, MN; sister-in-law, Sandy Johnson of Montevideo, MN; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Haas; son, Eli Haas; father, Verlin Johnson; mother and stepfather, Virginia and Harold Sabe; and brother, Jeffery Johnson.

Please use this QR code to view Cathy's tribute video, obituary, and online guestbook.



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