

## *Footprints In The Sand*

One night I dreamed I was walking  
Along the beach with the Lord,  
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.  
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.  
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.

Other times there was only one.  
This bothered me because I noticed  
During the low periods of my life when I was  
Suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints.  
So I said to the Lord, "You promised me,  
Lord, that if I followed you,  
You would walk with me always.  
But I noticed during the most trying periods  
Of my life there has only been  
One set of prints in the sand.  
Why, when I needed you most,  
Have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,  
"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints

It was then that I carried you."  
-Kaite Evans



*Marie Margaret Martinson* was born on December 10, 1931 to Louis and Margaret (DeWitte) DeToy on a farm near Jasper, Minnesota. When she was five years old, she moved with her family to a farm closer to Jasper where she was raised and attended school in District 26. Upon completion of her education, she began working at Rae's Café in Jasper. When asked how she met her husband, she always told her children she threw out her fishing pole and reeled him in! On May 28, 1950, she was united in marriage to DeWane Martinson at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, they lived on DeWane's parents' farm. Two years later, they rented a farm in Moody County, South Dakota where Marie raised their children and helped on the farm. In December, 1963, they moved to a farm in Highland Township of Minnehaha County, South Dakota. They later purchased this farm. In 1983, Marie began working as a CNA at Palisade Manor Nursing Home in Garretson, South Dakota. A short time later, she became employed as a CNA in the stepdown heart unit at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Three years later, she returned to work at Palisade Manor Nursing Home. Her husband preceded her in death on July 25, 2002. After his death, Marie continued to live on the farm and work at the nursing home. When she was diagnosed as having cancer in 2003, she retired. In November, 2016, she moved to Dell Rapids, South Dakota where her son Dennis also lived. On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Marie passed away peacefully at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls at 94 years, 4 months and 26 days.

Marie was a member of the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Ladies Aid there and enjoyed serving on the funeral committee. She was known by her family as a workhorse. She enjoyed and was extremely good at cooking and baking for her family and friends. Before busy with kids and family, she enjoyed bowling and was a part of the women's Jasper bowling league.

She is lovingly remembered by her seven children, Dennis (Diane) Martinson of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Marlene Ellefson of Fargo, North Dakota, Robert (Rudilyn) Martinson of Roseville, Minnesota, Glenn (Peggy) Martinson of Huron, South Dakota, Perriann (Jim) Nelson of Panama City Beach, Florida, Robin (Allen) Wick of Mesa, Arizona, and Craig Martinson of Luverne, Minnesota; seven grandsons; one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, DeWane; her two grandsons, Nick and Corey Zieske; son-in-law, Dennis Ellefson; and six siblings, Jim DeToy, Leona Stelling, Helen DeSchepper, Irene Padgett, Clara Elverson, and Carol Zimprich.

In Loving Memory

*Marie Martinson*



**Funeral Service**

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Jasper Lutheran Church  
Jasper, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Jim Erickson

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 121

Romans 12:14-21

Hebrews 13:1-6

**Music**

Organist - Sandy Moose

Soloist - Jim Foster

"Because He Lives"

**Congregational Hymns**

"He Leadeth Me" - Insert

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - ELW Hymn 855

**Casket Bearers**

*Marie's Grandchildren*

Chad Martinson      Nathan Martinson

Jesse Ellefson      Jake Ellefson

Tyler Wick      Tanner Wick

Rysa Martinson

**Interment**

Jasper City Cemetery

Jasper, Minnesota

*Following the committal service, friends are invited to join the family  
for food and fellowship at the church.*

Arrangements under the care of

**HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME**