



God's Garden

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest; God's garden must be beautiful, He takes only the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

In Loving Memory of
Bobbi Jo Larson

August 22, 1973 ~ May 4, 2021

Prayer Service

*Hickey Funeral Chapel
Chamberlain, SD
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.*

Officiating

Ron Weber

Funeral Service

*Calvary Baptist Church
Chamberlain, SD
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.*

Officiating

Pastor Bernie Heinz

Music By

Layne Timmerman ~ Pianist/Soloist

Urn Bearers

*Jeremy Smith
Michael Ward*

Interment of Ashes

*St. Margaret Catholic Cemetery
Kimball, SD
1:00 p.m.*

Memorials made in remembrance of Bobbi will go into a fund for Andy and Ally's higher education.

Arrangements By: *Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Bobbi Jo (Dovey) Larson passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Bobbi Jo (Dovey) Larson was born on August 22, 1973, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Mary (Reitz) Howard and Bob Dovey. As a child, Bobbi and her family lived on an acreage outside of Renner, SD, where they had many pets, including horses and donkeys. It was there that Bobbi first developed a love for animals that would last throughout her life. A few years later, the family moved to Sidney, Montana, where they lived near extended family. Later, they returned to Sioux Falls, where she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1991. Bobbi attended Southeast Technical Institute, obtaining a degree in civil engineering. She went on to work for Sweetman's in Sioux Falls and later moved to Chamberlain to manage Lakeshore Motel.

In 2006, Bobbi met the love of her life, Clint Larson. They were married on July 25, 2009, making their home in Pukwana. To this union two children were born: Andy (13) and Ally (9). After working as a classroom paraprofessional, Bobbi discovered a love for education and decided to go back to school to earn a teaching degree. In 2013, she graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Bobbi's teaching career began at Chamberlain Elementary School in the B Kindergarten classroom. From there, she transferred to Special Education at the high school level. Most recently, she had taught at St. Joseph's Indian School in the Elementary Special Education program.

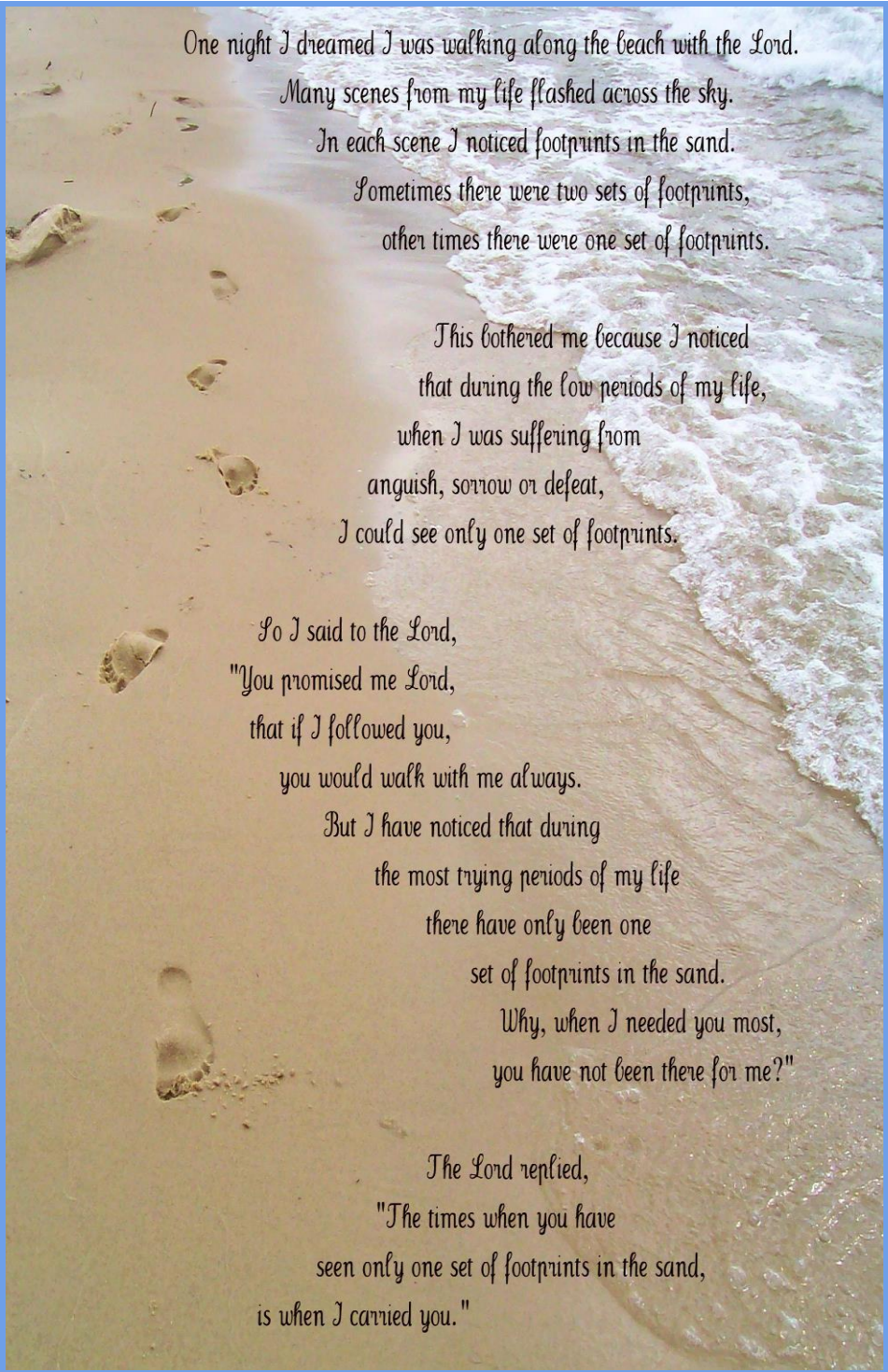
From a young age, Bobbi had a special place in her heart for all animals, especially dogs and horses. She also enjoyed gardening, tending to her flowers, and spending time outside. She liked staying busy and was never afraid to tackle a house project. Bobbi also helped with the family business, Missouri Valley Taxidermy, doing bookwork and running errands.

Although she had many passions in life, her greatest love of all was her family: Clint, Andy, and Ally. As a family, they hold many happy memories together of camping, hunting, and swimming in the backyard. They also treasure the times they shared as a family with their dogs and horses.

Bobbi was an avid reader. She especially enjoyed her quiet time reading the Bible and listening to Christian radio. Bobbi enjoyed attending Calvary Baptist Church, where Andy and Ally also go to Sunday School.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband Clint, her son Andy, her daughter Ally, all of Pukwana, SD, her mother Mary Howard of Sioux Falls, SD, sister Sharon Ward of Sioux Falls, SD, sister Judy (Richard) Smith of DeSmet, SD, brother Scott Saeman of Salt Lake City, UT, stepbrother Dan (Roxanne) Howard of Brookings, SD, father-in-law Harris Larson of Brandon, SD, sister-in-law Charity (Clint) Lamb of Ft. Collins, CO, brother-in-law Josh Larson of Larchwood, IA, sister-in-law Quynn (Phil) Steichen of Hunter, ND, sister-in-law Logan (Conner) Smith of Brandon, SD, grandmother-in-law Helen Larson of Sioux Falls, SD, grandfather-in-law Wally McGregor of Kimball, SD, 9 nieces and nephews, 7 great nieces and nephews, and numerous relatives in Montana.

Bobbi was preceded in death by her grandparents George and Lydia Reitz, her father Bob Dovey, her stepfather Dave Howard, her grandfather-in-law Jerome Larson, her grandmother-in-law Clara McGregor, her mother-in-law Patti (McGregor) Larson, her sister-in-law Danielle Nicole Larson, her aunt-in-law Yvonne (McGregor) DeBoer, her uncle-in-law Brad (Teresa Larson) Bjorklund, and her cousin-in-law Caleb Nicholas Weber.



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 were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that 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 have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
"The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints in the sand,
is when I carried you."