



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

Kevin Ray DeVries

WHO WAS BORN

January 25, 1958
Brookings, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

May 31, 2024
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, June 6, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Daniel Lopez

MUSICIANS

Tim Mundwiler
Dani Hicks
Wayne Appl

HONORARY BEARERS

Miles DeVries | twin brother, Kim DeVries | Marcy Smith
St. William’s Care Center Staff and Residents
Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins
Derek Appl | Sean Lorenzen | Ashley Smith | Claudette Thomas

INURNMENT

At A Later Date
Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Kevin’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Following the service, please join the family for food, fellowship, and sharing of memories at the 4-H Building.

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Kevin Ray DeVries was born on January 25, 1958, in Brookings, SD. He was the son of Allen and Adah (Quincey) DeVries. Kevin grew up in Sioux Falls, SD. He worked in landscaping for many years. He worked in Las Vegas, NV, at the Flamingo Hotel before moving to White, SD. He later moved to Livingston, MT, with his mother. His sister, Marcy moved him to Milbank where he worked at United Hardware and Dewey's Landscaping. He suffered a massive stroke in 2006 which left him paralyzed. He resided at St. William's Care Center until his passing.

Kevin enjoyed fishing, watching football, especially the Green Bay Packers, cooking, watching HGTV, and spending time with his daughter, Heather. He always shared an entire bag of tootsie rolls with her, right before supper. He was a proud grandpa to Mckinzie. Kevin loved to go to rummage sales. He had sizeable collection of western, Native American, and Harley Davidson memorabilia.

Kevin was blessed with wonderful caregivers following his stroke through out the past 17 and a half years.

He suffered tremendous pain yet he never lost his faith, he was ready to go to heaven. His family finds comfort in knowing that Kevin is pain free and walking again.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Heather Rademaker (Derek Appl) of Milbank, SD; granddaughter, Mckinzie Appl of Milbank, SD; his mother, Adah DeVries of Milbank, SD; siblings: (twin) Kim DeVries and Miles (Ann Will) DeVries, both of Milbank, SD; and sister, Marcy Smith of Milbank, SD; nieces: Angela Devries/Galas and Ashley Smith; nephews: Chad (Nichole) DeVries and Chris (LaRae) DeVries; and many great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Allen DeVries; niece, Wendy Smith; dear friend, Paulette Rademaker; and fishing buddy, Gale Lorenzen.

On Eagle's Wings

