

# *In Loving Memory*

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,  
is when I carried you.”

~ Mary Stevenson



**Kale Garland Tonks**  
December 6, 1956 ~ June 21, 2026





Kale Garland Tonks, loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Kale was born on December 6, 1956, in Pocatello, Idaho. His family moved to Nampa, ID when he was 2 years old and settled on a small dairy farm in Meridian when he was in the 4th grade.

Kale married Juanita Teter on November 30, 1975. They were blessed with two children.

Kale was a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad and retired after 42 years of service. Most of his time was spent going to Green River, Wyoming and back. He and Nita enjoyed several special trips after his retirement.

Kale loved the outdoors and spent many happy times camping, hunting, fishing and anything to do with guns. Sitting around the campfire with family and friends was a favorite.

He is survived by his children Katie (Rich) Derie, Josh (Katie Lynn) Tonks, Grandchildren Dylan (Mackayla) Derie, Dalton (Melody) Derie, Dawsen Derie, Bailey Tonks, Chelsie Tonks, Great Grandchildren Maelynn and Evelyn Derie, a brother Steve Tonks, sisters Carole Irish and Gail Taylor and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a Granddaughter, Kodie Derie, his parents, Garland and Joyce Tonks, sisters Linn Hansen and Garla Rupp, a brother Paul Tonks, and his beloved dog Chewie.

Kale gave his life to the Lord on December 11, 1996. He loved to study God's Word, and after he was saved, he read through the Bible with commentaries over 20 times. Amazing Grace has always been a special song to Kale. In April 1997, he publicly showed his faith in his Lord and Savior through baptism. Following, he sang Amazing Grace. His greatest desire was to see Jesus. He has faithfully attended Mountain Valley Baptist Church for many years and loved his Pastor and church family.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Mountain View Baptist Church, 202 South 7th Ave, Pocatello, ID. A viewing will be held prior from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Burial will immediately follow at Mountain View Cemetery, 1520 South 5th Avenue, Pocatello, ID.

The family wants to thank Hospice for making Kale's last days so comfortable and peaceful. Also, many thanks to Pastor Elijah and our church family, and extended family and friends who gave us encouragement, sent cards and faithfully prayed for Kale during his extended illness.

## *Funeral Services*

Saturday ~ June 27, 2026 ~ 2:00 pm  
Mountain Valley Baptist Church  
202 S 7h Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID  
Officiating ~ Pastor Elijah Whitecar

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer ~ Pastor Elijah Whitecar

Congregational Hymn ~ The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture Reading  
John 3:16 & 2 Timothy 4:7

*It Is Well*  
Musical Selection by Ezekiel Whitecar (Trumpet)

Obituary / Life Tribute ~ Carole Irish & Gail Taylor

Congregational Hymn ~ It Will Be Worth It All

*My Faithful Love*  
Musical Selection by Sharon Winters & Ezekiel Whitecar

Message ~ Pastor Elijah Whitecar

Closing Prayer ~ Zack Winters

Processional

## *Casket Bearers*

Joshua Tonks ~ Richard Derie ~ Dylan Derie  
Dalton Derie ~ Dawsen Derie ~ Ron Cottrell

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith*

~ 2 Timothy 4:7

## *Concluding Services*

Mountain View Cemetery  
1520 S 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID  
51 East ~ Row 12 ~ Space 11  
Dedication of the Grave ~ Pastor Elijah Whitecar