





Footprints

One night I had a dream.

I was walking along the beach with the Lord,
and across the skies flashed scenes of my life.

In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.

One was mine, and the 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 noticed 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."

In Memory Of

Annie Ophelia Markum

Date of Birth

January 25, 1945

Entered Into Rest

August 21, 2025

Funeral Services

August 23, 2025, 11:30 AM

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Elgin, Texas

Officiating

Junior Welch

Interment

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Elgin, Texas

Services In Care Of



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Service and Compassion from a Family that Cares

Obituary

Annie Ophelia Markum (Brown), a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in Austin, Texas, on August 21, 2025, at the age of 80. Born on January 25, 1945, in Waco, Texas, Annie devoted her life to her family, displaying an unwavering love and commitment that touched the hearts of those around her.

In 1975, Annie moved to Austin, a city she would come to call home for the rest of her life.

For over 30 years, she worked at Motorola, where her warm personality and sense of humor left a lasting impression on her colleagues. She cherished the moments spent dancing with friends in her early years, an expression of joy that mirrored her vibrant spirit. Music was always a big part of her life, with Elvis and George Strait filling her heart with happiness. Annie also held a deep appreciation for the culture of Italy, reminiscing about the beauty of a place she dreamed of visiting.

Her greatest pride and joy was her family. Annie played a significant role in raising her grandchildren, Danielle Ophelia Markum and Preston Michael Markum, reinforcing the values of love and family that were so dear to her. In fact, her grandson Preston became her biggest caregiver in her later years, always ensuring she had what she needed and that she was comfortable. Their bond was one of profound love, filled with moments of laughter and support.

Annie was a fighter throughout her years, bravely navigating the challenges of pain and the gradual loss of her eyesight and mobility. Even in those trying times, she remained loving and caring, always brightening up the lives of her loved ones.

Annie is survived by her son, Michael L. Markum, and her beloved grandchildren, Danielle and Preston. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren, Bethani Ophelia Mackin and Landen Lake Davidson, who were a source of endless joy and smiles in her life. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jewell Grace Clark and Sterling Henry Brown; her daughter, Laurie Ann Markum; and her former husband, Gerald D. Markum. Losing Annie leaves a void that will be missed deeply by all who knew her, but her spirit will forever reside within the hearts of her family and friends.

Annie Ophelia Markum was more than just a name; she was a shining light, a fountain of humor, and a reservoir of love. Her legacy is one of strength, laughter, and a commitment

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family that will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

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