

*One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*When the last scene of my life shot before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realized that this was at the lowest and saddest times of my life. This always bothered me and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.*

*"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You, You would walk and talk with me all the way. But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I need You most, You leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Collette Krakow*

WHO WAS BORN

April 28, 1949

Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

August 26, 2023

LaBolt, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thursday, August 31, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Brian Eckrich

MUSICIANS

Bobbi Jo Meyer-Hanson, Pianist

St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

INURNMENT

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Collette's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

Collette was born on April 28, 1949, to LuVerne and Hazel (Tucholke) Enquist. She grew up near Strandburg and graduated from Strandburg High School in 1967. She attended secretary training in Watertown, SD, and started working at the Big Stone Power Plant when it first opened. She married Tom VanLith in 1971, and they had one daughter, Kristine. She married Mike Krakow in 1981 and they had one son, Steven. She started working at Milbank Mutual which later became State Auto insurance in Milbank. She worked in the insurance industry for many years. She was happy to take early retirement and then she found her favorite job which was working part-time at the library in Milbank. She developed many friendships over the years, and she was regarded as a very kind person who was the first person you would think of when you wanted some advice. She was dedicated to her children and grandchildren and was very proud of them. She loved to organize (and re-organize!), scrapbooking, and many trips with Mike to Cancun, Mexico. She was a proud breast cancer survivor and was a lover of dogs especially her precious Shih tzus. Her fur babies and grandchildren brought her much happiness as her health declined.

Mike was a dedicated husband and took phenomenal care of her until the very end. A special thank you to Milbank Hospice for their kindness and support during the last few weeks.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Mike of LaBolt; daughter, Kristine-husband Andy and children: Lauren, Jack, and Max of Omaha, NE; son Steven, of Sioux Falls SD. She is also survived by brother Jeff, wife Dee Dee, and daughter Emmy. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Doug and Marlin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Parkinsons research, the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, or the Watertown Humane Society.



*In Loving Memory*