## Footprints =

One night I dreamed a dream.

As 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.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.

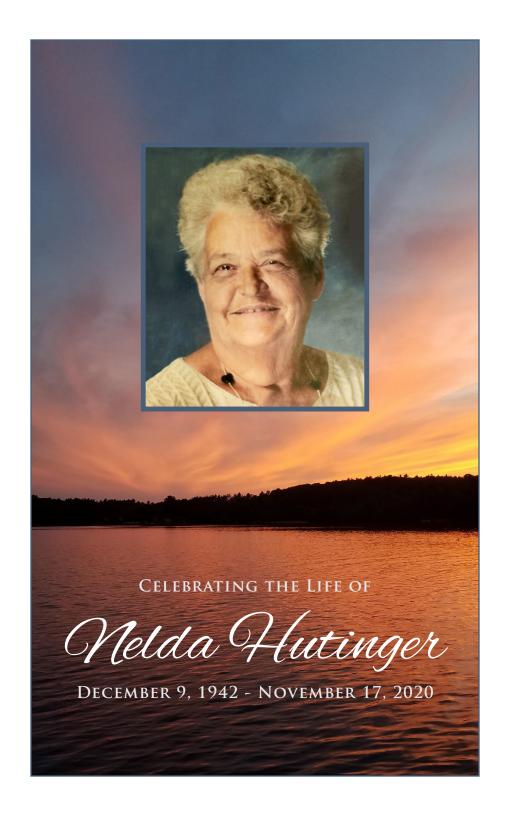
But I noticed that during the saddest
and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would 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."







# REMEMBERING Melda

Nelda Louise Hutinger, age 77, of Centertown, Mo., passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Boone Hospital in Columbia, Mo. due to complications from COVID.

Nelda was born on December 9, 1942, in Jefferson City, Mo. a daughter of Carl Lester and Sadie (Campbell) Scrivner. She was married on June 4, 1960 in Jefferson City, Mo. to John Dale Hutinger who preceded her in death on May 12, 1995.

A lifelong resident of the central Missouri area, Nelda was a 1960 graduate of Jefferson City High School. During high school she was a member of the Swing Teens Band, where she played the accordion. She went on to attend Lincoln University.

Nelda had a passion for technology and was gifted in her knowledge of computer coding. She worked for the Missouri State Library where she was a computer information specialist until her retirement in 1993.

She had a competitive spirit and played bingo at many VFW halls around this area. Nelda was an avid reader, mostly historical romance books, always enjoyed a good western movie starring John Wayne, and never turned down a trip to the casino. She played pool and billiards frequently when she was younger. She even traveled with her billiard's team to Las Vegas for the APA National Tournament and placed 3rd for her division.

Nelda's happiest times were always with family and she was blessed to have many hobbies to enjoy with them. She would take her grandchildren on a trip every year and knew enough about technology to enjoy all the computer games with them. She looked forward to a good road trip; traveling to Arizona, Yellowstone, Florida and Texas with her little schnauzer as a companion. Memories outdoors were always her favorite, especially camping and fishing with her friends and family.

She will be remembered for her independent nature, strong personality and her wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include: her daughter, Catrina L. "Tina" Brown (Ted) of Jefferson City, Mo., three grandchildren, Christin Brown (Ben Fewins), Joshua Brown and Katelyn Meadows (Nathaniel); three greatgrandchildren, Victoria Terry, Issabella Terry and Rayne Fewins; and several nieces and nephews.

Nelda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 35 years, John; and two sisters, Edrie Campbell and Peggy Ann Armstrong.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2020 Freeman Mortuary The Reverend Michael Hearst

#### GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Benjamin Fewins Caelin Eveler Nathaniel Meadows Rayne Fewins

