

FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and 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 notice 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."



Donald Duane Ronngren

AUGUST 28, 1939-DECEMBER 8, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 15, 2024-2:00 p.m. Calvary Evangelical Free Church Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Bob Satterlie

Music

Pianist-Mandy Dewey

- Congregational Hymns "Amazing Grace"
"A Christian Home"
"I'll Fly Away"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS <u>Donald's Grandchildren</u>

Gavin Ronngren, Makayla Ronngren, Tristan Ronngren Logan Ronngren, Danny Ronngren, Jeremiah Ronngren

FINAL RESTING PLACE

South Immanuel Cemetery Rural Rothsay, Minnesota

Thank you to all who faithfully prayed for us. And all the kind words and deeds given to our family.

Donald's family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.



REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Donald Duane Ronngren, age 85, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2024, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota.

Born on August 28, 1939, in Jamestown, ND, he was the son of Arnold and Emma (Baana) Ronngren. Donald spent his formative years near Jamestown and graduated from Barnesville High School in 1957. Following his graduation, he proudly served in the Air National Guard.

In 1962, Donald met Ileen Shirley, and they were united in marriage on June 15, 1963. Together, they celebrated 61 wonderful years filled with love and family. Their union was blessed with three children: Alan, Connie, and Galen.

Donald was known for his entrepreneurial spirit and enjoyed exploring various ventures throughout his life. His most notable endeavor was running his own business, The Ducters and Smoke Masters Cleaning Service. He was affectionately nicknamed "The Cookie Man" by his younger friends from church, a testament to his warm and generous nature.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Ileen; sons Alan and Galen; daughter Connie; six cherished grandchildren: Gavin, Makayla, Tristan, Logan, Danny, and Jeremiah; as well as sisters Dorothy Dunham and Donna Oyama, and brother-in-law Gerald Grefsrud and along with multiple nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; sister Elaine Grefsrud; brothers-in-law Dennis Dunham and Alvin Oyama.

In the last 15 months of his life, he shared how God's grace turned things around for him.

Blessed Be The Memory Of Donald Duane Ronngren



