

Footprints in the Sand

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.
In 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 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 I will never leave you.
During all your trials and testings,
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.”

APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed,
and for your attendance at the funeral service.

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"Dedicated to those we serve."

In Loving Memory Of James "Jim" Classen



November 30, 1928 ~ January 28, 2020
91 Years

FUNERAL MASS:

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Salihu

Crossbearer: Allan Moorman

Scripture Readers:

Terry Classen & Gary Meschishnick

Intentions:

Terry Classen

Giftbearers:

Tammy & Jeff McNaught

Music Ministry:

Director: Loretta Schugmann Organist: Dolores Hinz
Members of the St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

Memorial Table Attendants:

Cheryl Chapman & Angela Classen

Active Pallbearers:

Brian Classen Russell Classen Darryl Classen
Pat Conway Anthony Grieman Nolan Veness

Honorary Pallbearers:

"All those who shared in Jim's life."

INTERMENT:

St. Gregory Roman Catholic Cemetery, St. Gregor, Saskatchewan

Memorial Luncheon:

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Parish Hall, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Memorial Donations:

St. Gregory Roman Catholic Cemetery Fund
c/o P.O. Box 51, St. Gregor, SK, S0K 3X0

Humboldt District Hospital Foundation - General Equipment Fund
P.O. Box 1740, Humboldt, SK, S0K 2A0

Jim was born in Watson, SK, to Michael and Clara (nee Ries) Classen and grew up on the family farm, northeast of St. Gregor, SK, attending Diamond Willow School. After completing his education, during the summer he worked on the farm, and in the winter worked in the bush in British Columbia and Ontario. Following his father's death, he moved with his Mom into the town of St. Gregor. On August 31, 1970, Jim married Elenor Schleper in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Regina, SK. They settled in St. Gregor where he continued to farm and began a small feed lot west of town, and Elenor was a loving homemaker for him and their daughter Jody. Over the years, he enjoyed keeping horses, riding and barrel racing. Retiring from farming in 1978, Jim took a part time job collecting hogs for the Saskatchewan Pork Producers. He built a new home in St. Gregor in 1981, and once he retired completely, he took up golfing. In 1997, he built another home, close to the golf course, in Humboldt and spent nine winters in Yuma, Arizona. When he wasn't golfing, Jim was known to take time to bowl, play cards, fish and share coffee with friends in Humboldt at Tran's Café. Jim will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by: his daughter, Jody Classen; his siblings: two brothers, Andrew Classen and Daniel Classen, and sister, Marguerite Conway; and by numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by: his wife, Elenor (nee Schleper, 2013); his parents, Michael and Clara (nee Ries) Classen; and his siblings: four brothers, Charles, George, Vincent and Jerome, and four sisters, Rita Classen, Isabelle Hibert, Marie Herriges and Lucille Rath.