

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



In
Loving Memory
Michael J. Maher



NISHNA VALLEY FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE
SHENANDOAH, IOWA

Michael Joseph Maher, son of Robert Joseph and Catherine Clarice (Sloan) Maher, was born on February 11, 1959, at Hand Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, after a valiant battle with cancer at the age of 63 years, 9 months, 14 days.

His early life was spent growing up in Shenandoah, where he attended the Shenandoah Community Schools. He graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1978. He played football, baseball and wrestled for the Mustangs.

Mike later enlisted in the United State Navy, entering into active service on June 9, 1980, and received his honorable discharge on June 8, 1984. He served with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty at Port Hueneme in California and achieved the rank of PCSN.

Following his service, he returned to Shenandoah. Mike worked for Anderson Erickson Dairy for thirty years beginning his career at Red Oak, Iowa, as a truck driver. He would later transfer to Creston, Iowa and Des Moines, Iowa, where he retired from Anderson Erickson in 2020. Mike enjoyed golfing, fishing and watching sports.

Preceding Mike in death were his parents, Robert and Clarice Maher; brother, Tim Maher; and brother-in-law, Ron Rydberg. Left to cherish his memory are his siblings, Kathy Rydberg of Waukesha, WI, Barb Moers of Omaha, NE, Mary Knop and husband Dave of Atlantic, IA, Tom Maher and wife Kathy of Imogene, IA, Jacque Nicholas and husband Joe of Council Bluffs, IA and Paula Brown and husband Hal of Naples, FL; numerous nieces and nephews; special friend, Kathy Mongar of Des Moines, IA; other relatives; and many friends.

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VISITATION

Saturday, December 3, 2022
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Saturday, December 3, 2022
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa
Pastor Noel Gandy ~ Officiant

MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

MILITARY HONORS

Shenandoah American Legion Post #88

BURIAL

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

MEMORIALS

Shenandoah Education Foundation