

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Ruth Ann Coleman, 83 of Fargo, ND passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 12, 2023 at SMP Health, St. Catherine North, Fargo, ND.

Born on February 24, 1940, in Elbow Lake, Minnesota to her late parents Harry and Kathleen (Apland) Erfert. She was united in marriage to Ronald F. Coleman on October 25, 1975, with whom she shared 47 years.

Ruth Ann pursued a career in nursing, attending the Swedish Hospital of Nursing, Minneapolis Chapter. After completing this she went on to Graduate from Montana State and furthered her education by completing the Master of Science Degree at the University of North Dakota. She was the Director of Staff Development at Trinity Medical Center in Minot, North Dakota, where she made her life with her late husband, Ronald Coleman. During her long career Ruth Ann was actively involved in the School of Nursing at Trinity and took great pride in the education of future nurses. She was honored as a Distinguished Alumni Member of the Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis Chapter in May 2016.

In her private life, besides being a mother and wife, Ruth Ann loved cooking, gardening and being a grandmother. Her true passion was always the art of quilting. Throughout her many years of quilting, Ruth produced many beautiful pieces of art which will be cherished and passed on to her loved ones.

She is survived by her son, Chad (Andrea) Coleman, of Fargo, ND, stepdaughter, Sandra (Paul) Ryding, of Houston, Texas, and stepdaughter, Rhonda (Barry) Villines, of Lake Forest, California. She is also survived by her 3 grandsons (Chad & Andrea) Xander, Chessen, and Thatcher Coleman. Along with 6 step grandchildren (Sandra & Paul) Christopher, Joshua (Elise), and Samantha (Sabino Medrano) Ryding, (Rhonda & Barry) Brianna (Michael Semmel), Benjamin, and Stephen (Madison) Villines, She was also blessed to be survived by 9 great step grandchildren, (Joshua & Elise) Hudson and Coleman Ryding, (Samantha & Sabino) Callum, Grace, Chloe, Annie Medrano, (Brianna & Michael) Lucille and Benjamin Semmel, and (Stephen & Madison) Penelope Villines.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald.





Footprints

One night a man had a dream...

He was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from his life. In each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one made by him, and the other by the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked at the footprints in the sand, and 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 worst times of his life.

This bothered him, so he asked the Lord about it.

“Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, You’d walk with me all the way. But, I’ve noticed that during times of trouble there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why You left me when I needed You most.”

The Lord replied, “My precious child,

I love you and would never leave you...

During your times of trouble where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you.”

Author Unknown

Celebrating the life of Ruth A. Coleman



MEMORIAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home

West Fargo, North Dakota

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiant

Deacon Pat Breen

Reader

Xander Coleman

Eulogist

Chad Coleman

Special Music

Selections from Carrie Underwood

“Jesus Loves Me”

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

Honorary Pall Bearers

Ruth’s Grandchildren

Xander Coleman Chessen Coleman Thatcher Coleman

Interment

Fargo National Cemetery

Harwood, ND

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for lunch and fellowship immediately following the service.

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