

Footprints In the Sand

written by Carolyn Joyce Carty

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 belonging 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 son, my 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."

Remembering Johnnie with Love

Acknowledgements

The family of Johnnie R. Welch acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Your calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, and other acts of kindness have consoled us during this difficult time. Special thanks to Minister Steven Fair and all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please keep our family in your prayers.

Flower Bearers *Family Members and Friends*

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Celebration of Life *Johnnie R. Welch*



February 17, 1942 - May 20, 2021

Memorial Service 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 3, 2021

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH

Minister Steven Fair,
Officiating



Johnnie

*"Your life was a blessing, Your Memory
a Treasure. You were loved beyond
words and Missed beyond Measure."*

Obituary

Welch, Johnnie R. 79, was a lifelong resident of Dayton, Ohio. He departed this life on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Grandview Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Mary B. Welch ... Siblings: Clifton, Issac, Gregory Welch and a loving niece Felicia Welch ... John was a retiree of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton and Jamestown Moraine ... He was a quiet man of few words who enjoyed cooking for loved ones, movies, music and picnics in the park ...

John leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Ethel M. Yates-Welch, devoted sister Rosemary Williams, Sisters Maria and Star Welch ... brothers Anthony, Cleophus, Elihu, Farrell and Vary Welch ... step daughter Ebony R. Coleman, grandson Coleman L. Peterson, mother-in-law Louise Kohlbeck, dear friend Tracy Miller and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Order of Service

Soloist:

Saxophonist Byron Lockett

*Greetings and reading of the Obituary:
Rose Wilson*

Speaker:

Minister Steven Fair

Soloist:

Saxophonist Byron Lockett

Remarks:

Open to family and Friends

Praise Dance:

Tre'a Miller

Instrumental Music while exiting

*Please wear a mask and remember
Social Distancing.*