

*One* night, a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to her, and the other to the Lord.

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

This really bothered her and she 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."*



Honoured to serve the family of Johanna Brecka  
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**Johanna Gerdina Brecka** (née Hillebrand), beloved wife of Stan Brecka, of Picture Butte, AB, passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side, on Friday, December 14, 2018 at the age of 72 years, following a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Johanna is survived by her husband Stan, children Bonnie (Anton) Suberlak, and Alan (Amy) Brecka; two grandchildren Johnathan and Sophia; sister Bertha Biluk of Armstrong, B.C. and her daughters Lori (Anderson) Galdino, Sherri (Grant) Davyduke, Krista (Wayne) Biluk and numerous cousins. She is also survived by Stan's siblings Vladimir (Cathy) Brecka, Geraldine Cochrane and their families.

Johanna is preceded in death by her parents, infant brother and two brothers-in-law Wayne Cochrane and Ernie Biluk.

Johanna was born in Fort Macleod, Alberta, on October 20, 1946 to Joan and Bert Hillebrand and was raised on a farm in the Granum area. She married Stan Brecka on January 10, 1978 and lived on the family farm for 41 years until her passing.

Johanna graduated from the St. Michael's School of Nursing in 1970 and worked as a registered nurse for 36 years. Her passions included spending time with her family, travelling to numerous destinations over the years and her pastime of quilting. She was also a faithful follower of Christ and very active in the community over the years.

In memory of Johanna, donations may be made to:

**Jack Ady Cancer Centre, c/o Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation,**  
960 - 19 Street South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 1W5;

**St. Michael's Health Centre - Palliative Care Unit,**  
1400 - 9 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4V5

or to a charity of your choice.

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED

*Johanna Brecka*

OCTOBER 20, 1946 - DECEMBER 14, 2018



## VISITATION

**Cornerstone Funeral Home**

2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South | Lethbridge, AB  
Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

## FUNERAL SERVICE

**Cornerstone Community E-Free Church**

440 Crescent Avenue | Picture Butte, AB  
Friday, December 21, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

**Officiating -** Pastor Peter Coyne

**Organist -** Susan Niebor

**Scripture Reading -** 1 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:10

**Tribute -** Bonnie Suberlak & Alan Brecka

**Pictorial Tribute**

**Message -** John 14

**Musical Selections**

*To the River*

*Hallelujah*, (performed by Logan & Jordan Reiter)

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

*Amazing Grace*

## RECEPTION

Following the Funeral Service, relatives and friends are invited to further share this day at the **Picture Butte Community Centre**  
607 Highway Avenue North | Picture Butte, AB

## INTERMENT

Johanna was laid to rest during a Private Interment prior to the Funeral Service