

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

by Mary Stevenson

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene, I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when **I carried you.**"



Honoured to serve the family of Elma Koenig
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Elma Koenig, beloved wife of the late Emanuel Koenig, passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Palliative Care, on Sunday, December 30, 2018 at the age of 100 years.

She was born in Irvine, AB on May 18, 1918, the youngest child of Daniel and Anna Wirsch. She married Emanuel (Manny) Koenig in 1941 and together they raised four children, Maxine (Donald) Sureman, Carol Koenig (Dennis Richter), Danielle (Larry) Smith and Denton (Kathy) Koenig. Initially living in Medicine Hat, Manny and Elma moved several times before coming to Coaldale in 1961, then finally moving to Lethbridge in 1988.

Elma loved nature. She particularly enjoyed drives to Cypress Hills, Waterton Park or the Crowsnest Pass where she would delight in the wildflowers, birds and animals that she might see. Her artistic skills and love of wildlife was evident in the beautiful ceramic pieces she created while a member of the LSCO. Manny and Elma had a beautiful garden, growing both vegetables and flowers in abundance.

Elma was a wonderful cook and her house was always open to anyone who wanted to stop in. Mom always wanted to feed you, be it a meal or some of her baked treats, and a visit was never complete without a cup of tea ("with just a bit of sugar to make the flavor come out") or coffee with evaporated milk. Elma loved reading, especially anything to do with history, nature and her bible.

In addition to her four children, Elma is survived by three grandchildren – Kevin Sureman (Carla Pickering), Dan (Diana) Koenig, and Matthew (Nicole) Koenig as well as two great-grandchildren – Evan (Kaleisha) Sureman and Austin Sureman. She was predeceased by her husband, Manny, and her two sisters, Annie (John) Jans and Dorothy (Henry) Jans.

We would like to thank the staff of St. Michael's Health Centre Long Term Complex Care for the wonderful and loving care provided to Mom.



LOVINGLY REMEMBERED

Elma Koenig

MAY 18, 1918
DECEMBER 30, 2018

Funeral Service

Cornerstone Funeral Home

2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South | Lethbridge, AB
Friday, January 4, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiating - Majors Donald & Donna Bladen

Soloist - Megan Wittig

Order of Service

Processional - *How Great Thou Art*

Welcome

Prayer

Congregational Hymn - *In The Garden*

Tribute - Marcella Klein

Tribute - Matthew Koenig

Scripture Reading

Meditation

Solo - *It Is Well With My Soul*

Benediction

Recessional - *The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

Interment & Reception

Following the Funeral Service, Elma will be laid to rest
at **Mountain View Cemetery**

Relatives and friends are invited to further share this day
in the **Cornerstone Funeral Home Reception Room**

For those who wish, donations in Mom's memory can be made to:

Salvation Army 1302 - 4 Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0R4

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