Footprints in the sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord’s. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why you left my side when I needed you most. The Lord said: “My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you.”
Marie Bellack, 87, of Faulkton, passed away Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Marie Ida Payton was born March 30, 1932 in Seneca, SD to John and Minnie (Hirchert) Payton. She attended and graduated from Faulkton High School.

On August 22, 1952, Marie married Lloyd Marvin Bellack at Miles City, Montana. They lived in Germany for a couple years while Lloyd was stationed there during his military service. Upon his discharge, the couple returned to Seneca where they lived until 1958. They then moved to a farm east of Faulkton where they raised their family of five. In 2013 they moved into Faulkton.

Marie was a true homemaker. She loved to bake, cook and teach her children lessons on life. She taught them kindness, generosity, to accept and welcome all people, and to always find the positive in all situations and people. In her spare time, Marie enjoyed playing cards, working on puzzles and crafts, and making homemade Christmas decorations for her family.

Her life will be cherished by her husband of 67 years, Lloyd Bellack; her children: Margie Shantz, Lake Hills, TX, Ken (Michelle) Bellack, Gillette, WY, Don (Mickie) Bellack, Durant, OK, Ed (Donna) Bellack, North Vernon, IN, and Kathy Kennedy, Centennial, CO; 11 grandchildren: Justin (Jessica) Shantz, Heather (Clayton) Smith, Sarah (Matt) Peters, Jake (Sami) and Keith (Bri) Bellack, Luke (Kelligh) Bellack, Jessica Harris, Beau (Megan) Bellack, Ashley (Garrett) Pacheco, Kaitlin Kennedy and Ty Kennedy; 11 great grandchildren; one brother, Bob (Shirley) Payton, Rapid City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Virginia; and sister, Phyllis (Beryl) Reeves.