



Life Lines

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A Tribute to Clara Laverne Hefley

Clara was only 73 years old. That seems young in today's world, where people live to be 90 or older. However, in these 73 years she maintained a good quality of life until the last 3 or 4 months. She enjoyed bowling, she exercised and she mowed her lawn. She also enjoyed crocheting, sewing and gardening. So, the Lord blessed her in this phase of her life. He also blessed her in that she did not suffer too long.

Although she was a very happy, up-beat person, she had suffered heartache. Her life had not always been a bed of roses. Like most of us, she had been through some rough times in her life. It was very hard for her when she had to watch her sister suffer so long with cancer.

To those of us who knew Clara personally received so much joy from this. She could take kidding, so everyone gave her a hard time. The ladies, who attended the devotionals each month with her, will never forget how she always had to be first in line to be served! We tried to hold her back but she always managed to be first! This still brings laughter to each of us. Who will take her place?

She worked for the Kroger Store for over 30 years. When she retired from her job, she did not retire from church work. She helped deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly and shut-ins. For this and much more she was presented a plaque at our Ladies' Day in April. It was presented by Diane C. Walters. In her presentation, she stated, "In every congregation you have individuals who serve. They go about doing things, without drawing attention to themselves. We have a sister here in Dover who is one of these people. She recently became ill, so we decided we should fill the jobs that she does. First of all, we needed someone

to do the Food Brigade. Then we needed someone to get the meat and cheese tray to take to someone ill or to someone who had a death in their family. She also visited the nursing homes every week. We recruited two sisters to fill this work. Oh, and she also helps fold and label our bulletins each week. She is also our van driver when the ladies need one. You know, you need a special person for that job! Not everyone can get the special license you have to have. Clara, we are running out of people to fill your shoes!"

The plaque presented to Clara:

Those Who Serve

God has a special place for each of us to serve, and you have chosen to follow His path.

You have been the hands, the feet, the voice and the love of God expressed in many different ways.

You have chosen to honor Him as you have served in His name.

Thank you for your willingness to give of yourself and be used where God placed you.

You have blessed many lives.

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these . . . you did it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40)

At her funeral, Brother Micah had some funny stories to tell about her and her dog, Ladybug. She loved her dog, but was always having to chase her, because some child had inadvertently left the back gate open to the play yard at church. He talked about her being out-spoken but also tender-hearted. She gave him encouragement during his sermons each Sunday.

Clara's niece, Stacy Hart, gave a wonderful and entertaining talk about growing up with her Auntie Verne. Here are some things she told us. "I have some wonderful memories of Auntie Verne. I

used to walk to her house after school and come in to the smell of freshly baked homemade cinnamon rolls. She taught me to sew on a machine and would make me sit there even when I got impatient and tried to stomp off and give up. If I came home from school with a complaint about the teacher, she would say, 'Well you want me to just go down there and kick them in the shin?' That was her no-nonsense way of saying, "suck it up, buttercup, life is rough?" She was like that – nonsense and not a lot of tact; you usually loved her better because of it.

"After Auntie Verne received the diagnosis of cancer, there was a change in her. She became much softer, even docile. Her hugs were deeper, her words sweeter, her appreciation greater. When she fell and broke her nose, her only concern was for me. There was such a joy for me in finally being able to help her. One of my favorite memories of the last couple of months is the day we picked out her wig. I have never laughed so hard. We were like two teenagers trying on makeup – almost giddy with the possibilities. While on her deathbed, when it was such a great effort for her to speak, she was sure to let us know how much she loved and appreciated us. She was also adamant about letting us know that "we needed to take care of things." And all I could do was tell her that all was well and we had it under control. And then I told her that we had good teachers about taking control of things. Then she laughed!

"Some of the last words that Auntie Verne spoke were, 'Girls, this is not where I want to be.' But, I assure you, she is EXACTLY where she wants to be right now – with her family – those who went before her. I am certain that she and Mom have resumed their arguing . . .

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.”

George Herbert

Often, when talking with someone about forgiveness, you hear her say, “But, you have no idea what they did to me! The hurt is too deep. I can never forgive them.”

I’ll admit there are some bad things out there that seem impossible to forgive. One that is horrible is abuse to children. There are many others that make us cringe.

Then I think of Jesus Christ on the cross, suffering pain and anguish. What does He say? “*Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do.*” (Luke 23:34 NKJV) Jesus was beaten, spit upon, ridiculed and yet He forgave them. He is our Savior and was treated like a common criminal. He could have called a host of angels. He didn’t. He went through all of that agony, for us, and still forgave them.

We have the same forgiveness today, when we sin against God and man. We have to ask for forgiveness. If we are unable to forgive others, we will not be forgiven. We had better not break the bridge that we have to cross over to get forgiveness for ourselves.

“*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*” (Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV) This does not say we only have to forgive little things, does it? It says unless we forgive others, we will not be forgiven by our Father.

As humans, it is hard for us to forgive an injustice made against us. Even if we try to forgive, it is hard, or almost impossible, to forget. If we don’t forget, it hurts us more than anyone else. It grates on us like a blister that won’t heal.

Paul tells us to forgive one another just as Christ forgave us. (Colossians 3:13) When we dwell on Christ, His word, and what he did for us, we can find it much easier to forgive. Having peace in our hearts will help us to forget.

Remember Our Sick

Shirley Chisum – Athel Hill’s daughter, diagnosed with cancer, treatments started.

Pat Holloway – high-risk lung surgery July 9th, Baptist Hospital, LR.

Walter McQueen – blockage, arterial gram, stint June 16, Heart Hospital, home recovering.

Cindy Martin – Joplin, Mo. Colon cancer. Daughter-in-law of Barbara Dawson, cousin of Marion H & Joan V.

Ray Nichols – having some tests run June 22nd, pace-maker surgery June 23rd.

Gary Nicholson – many health issues.

Christine Sheeran – first test, benign. Second test shows serious problems.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area:

Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Evelyn Driver
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Betty Bailey, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, James & Shirlee Chadwick, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Carl Keathley, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Sherry Strick, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and Alayna Williams.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zackary Shelton, Cody Tackett and Noah Williams.

Our Military: D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our country.

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and trying to prove who is best, with Granny refereeing and Papa sitting back with folded hands and his big grin. And if there is a big bowling alley in the sky, you can bet that she has hit a strike!

“She loved each of you deeply, and even in her last days worried about everyone and made sure that we were calling people. She has left us, her family, a great legacy – and also a rich heritage. And so, from all the family, we appreciate you deeply for loving her, sometimes putting up with her, and most of all for being her extended family. She has been richly blessed by each of you, and so have we.”

Clara loved her family. She loved all of them and often prayed for them. She asked us to pray for them also. She wanted each of them to love the Lord as she did.

She will be missed by all of her church family, young and old. She made an impact on all she touched. She had dear friends who bowled with her. She had dear friends who were her classmates of 1953, with whom she still had contact. Then, all of us who were in the ladies’ classes with her will truly miss her. We thank God for the time we had with her. We thank God for the example she left us. She was a good and faithful servant.

“*The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away. And no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.*”

Prayers & Sympathy for the family and many friends of David Walters who passed away Friday, June 5, 2009. Services were Monday, June 15, 2009, Dover Church of Christ.

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Camp Caudle

Registration Forms are in our
foyer. You can also register online:
www.campcaudle.org

Camp Sessions are as follows . . .

Music Week: July 5th thru
11th, ages 14 and up.

Living Stones Week: July 12th
thru 18th, ages 14 and up.

Teen Week: July 19th thru 25th, 13
years old by October 1st to High
School graduates.

Registrations: mail to Camp
Caudle, POB 1311, Dover, AR
72837

Items needed: ice-pops, pre-
sweetened fruit punch &
lemonade in canisters, canned
soda, cookies, etc., bring to
church office.

Dover Church of Christ
Vacation Bible School
July 27th thru 31st

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ
Dover Youth
at Randall & Diane's Sunday,
July 5th, (following Evening
Services)

Dover Men's Devo
Thursday, July 2nd, 7 PM
Host: Sid Womack

Dover Ladies' Night
Thursday, 16th, 7 PM
Hostess: Cara Williams

PARKING LOT "GIVEAWAY"

Saturday, July 18th
From 7:00AM thru 2:00PM
at the Dover Church of
Christ's parking lot.

Need Clothes, all sizes,
Household items, linens,
Decorative items, Small
appliances, microwaves,
mixers, vacuums, Tools, Baby
items and children's items.
(Do not bring anything you would
not use yourself, broken or too
large for the women to move
around).

Collecting will begin Wednesday,
July 15 thru Friday, July 17, in the
basement of the church building.

June Birthdays

01 Sandra Boatright
02 Chase Chance
Liliya McDaniel
03 Allen Veasman
04 Michelle Helton
Jeff Myers
05 Eugene Qualls
07 Bob Bennett
10 Leanna Mullins
11 Joe Miller
12 Ashlee Wilson
14 Kenna Rae Jackson
19 Dmitri McDaniel
21 Caitlyn Straight
22 Nina June Qualls
25 Ashley Anderson
Pat Holloway
Iris Lawley
28 Tanya Smith
Joyce Walters

If we missed your birthday, *please*
let us know so it won't happen
again.

JULY 4th CELEBRATION!!

Saturday, 5:30 PM
Dover Church of Christ
All Kinds of Games,
Watermelon Eating Contest,
Meat & Buns furnished!
Note on sign-up sheet what you
are bringing & how many guests.
For more info see: Shirlye
Chadwick

THOSE TO SERVE

June 28, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Rick Hollis
Rex McDaniel

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Chris Moss
Drew Walters
Earl Stamps
Earl Whitted

Scripture Reading

Marion Helton

Sunday P.M.
Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Chris and Matthew Moss

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

Marion & Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

July 01, 2009

Merrell Shoptaw

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes
6:30 P.M.

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Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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