



Life Lines

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A Memorial to

Darrell "Shifty" Powers

By Chuck Yeager, Maj. Gen. (Retr.)

I would like to propose a nationwide memorial for this veteran.

Here's why . . . Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen *Band of Brothers* on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia Airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time, I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served and how many jumps he made.

Quietly and humbly, he said, "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in

1945 . . ." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly he said, "I made the 5 training jumps at Toccoa, and jumped into Normandy . . . do you know where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped.

I told him, "Yes, I know exactly where Normandy is and I know what D-Day was." At that point he said, "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem . . ."

I was standing with a genuine war hero . . . and then I recalled that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said, "Yes, and it's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip."

My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in Coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of my seat and told him I wanted him to have my seat, that I would take his seat in coach.

He said, "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His

eyes were filling up as he said it, and mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on June 7, 2009 after fighting cancer.

No big event in Staples Center.
No wall to wall back to back 24 x 7 news coverage.
No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right.

Let's give Shifty his own Memorial, in a quiet way by passing on this hero's story.

Rest in peace, Shifty.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

BE HONEST ANYWAY.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.

Mother Teresa

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"I thank my God on every remembrance of you." (Ephesians 1:16)

Spend a moment every day thinking of someone to thank.

This may set our minds spinning, but it is a simple and effective strategy we should take seriously and reap magnificent benefits.

Gratitude and inner peace goes hand in hand. The more genuinely grateful we feel for the gift of life, the more peaceful we feel. Gratitude, then is worthy of our time and practice.

If you are anything like me, you have many people in your life to feel grateful for. You may want to thank God for the gift of life, or for the beauty of nature.

As we think of people to be grateful for, remember that some are great and some are small, maybe someone that let you merge in traffic, to perhaps, a doctor that saved your life.

The point is to gear our attention toward gratitude, preferably beginning each morning.

I have learned a long time ago it is easy to allow one's mind to slip into negativity. When we do, the first thing that leaves us is our sense of gratitude. We begin to take the people in our life for granted and what we feel is replaced by resentment and frustration.

What this exercise reminds us to do is to focus on the good life.

Invariably, as we think of one person to feel gratitude for, others pop into mind, then another, pretty soon we will be thinking of other things to be grateful for . . . Our measure of health, our children, our homes, our freedom to worship and many, many other things in our life.

Written by Charles Hickey
January 2003

Sympathy and Prayers for the family and friends of **Evelyn Driver** who passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2009, in Russellville, Arkansas. She was the grandmother of Rachel Hale. Memorial service was Thursday, October 29th.

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett –home, needs our prayers.
David & Mary Franke – serious health problems.
Catherine Gaines – Center Valley P.E. teacher, having aorta surgery Nov. 9th.
Robin King –brother of Karen Womack, rare disease, Bartanella.
Rose Lee – thyroid surgery, Mon., Oct 26th. Will have eye surgery Nov. 11th.
Carla Mitchell – sister of Diane M. Walters, diagnosed with cervical cancer.
Gerald Simoneaux – Sonia Williams' father, critically ill. Not responding, moved to an extended-care facility.
Earl Whitted – surgery to be re-scheduled, passed the stress test Oct. 20th.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, James/Shirley Chadwick, Frankie Colvin, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Jim Dempsey, Charles Ensey, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Jim Lackey, Mario/Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary & Doreen Shinn, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Carolyn Statler, Juanita Townsend, Judy Will and Jim Wisbrock.

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

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

ME

By Elva Knight

**I want to be me
Each man tries to say,
I want to be free
To live as I may.
Eat, drink and be merry,
Tomorrow I may die;
Toss care to the wind,
Get my piece of the pie.
Expression is paramount,
Free will God has given;
But the choice is still mine
To choose hell or choose heaven.
Yet deep in my heart
I long just to be,
The person the Master
Would have me to be.
He created me thus
For communion with Him,
And only in this
Can my soul find content.**

"What would it gain a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul. (Mark 8:36)

(Used with permission.)

From *"Reflections of a Mom"*
By Elva Knight
Russellville, Arkansas

Sent in by Mary Stamps,
Dover, Arkansas

Quotation: "May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

Sent in by B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis,
Missouri

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

Dover Lawn Care
Saturday,
November 14th
Paul Helton
Michael Robbins

GIFTS & GUARDS
Dover Church of Christ
Will Meet Sunday
November 15th, 4PM

Dover Men's Devo
Please Note:
The November 12th,
Meeting has been
Cancelled.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Ladies Night,
Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7 PM
Hostess: Diane M. Walters

Angel Tree Shopping
(Children)
See Leigh Anne Forehand
for more information.

5th Sunday
November 29th

Evening Service
by our Young Men
(No Potluck)

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website
www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's
Weekly Lesson
can be heard
and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
09 Kim Walters
10 Andy Jackson
14 Daniel Loper
15 Adam Pointer
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Kevin Miller
20 Marion Helton
21 Carla Oakes
29 Taylor Thomas
30 Amanda McCain

If we missed your birth-
day, *Please* let us know
so it won't happen again.

Mt. George Church of Christ

Invites you to attend
Their meetings on -

Nov. 13th & 14th, 7PM
Nov. 15th,
10:00 AM
11:00 AM

**Celebrated Youth
& Event Speaker:
Craig Hicks**

Junction 154/Hwy 28

THOSE TO SERVE

November 08, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Michael Robbins

Randall Walters

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer

Serve: Allen Veasman

Blake Walters

Brent Hottinger

Brett Walters

Scripture Reading

Earl Whitted

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Lee Henson

Larry Mahan

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Donny and Leigh Anne
Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Greeters

Marion & Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 11, 2009

Sid Womack

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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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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