

THE TIE THAT BINDS

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THE COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE OF WALTER AND JEAN TITUS

During my freshman year in high school, (age 15), I experienced what the older generation jokingly referred to as "puppy love". I had never felt this way about any girl before. When I thought of her or saw her I had a strange sensation in the pit of my stomach, sweaty palms, self-conscious, tongue-tied, etc. The amazing thing was that I did not really know why I felt this way about her. I just did. I just had those funny feelings which you just could not describe, so it must have been LOVE. I later figured out why they called it "puppy love." If you marry some for no more reasons than this, you usually end up leading a "dog's life."

Time and space do not permit a detailed account of this experience except to say that I was a freshman and she was a senior and when I finally had the courage to tell her how I felt about her I found out that while she was nice to me, she didn't feel the same way about me. (This all took place at the old Hayward Campground in WI.) I remember going off in the woods to try to put the pieces of my world back together. I finally came to one conclusion. I did not understand about all of those crazy feelings about this girl but NEVER AGAIN would I ever feel this way about another girl and get hurt. I liked girls and I knew they were around. I found some who even felt about me as I did this girl but I played it cool. I was in control of how I felt. When the guys would go bananas about some new girl at school, I would just say to myself, "That's stupid." As time went on I philosophised more on this matter and concluded that if a girl met my set of criteria which I had set up, and I wanted to marry her I could LEARN to love her. Love was strictly a rational mental process. Feelings were incidental and an unreliable indicator of LOVE. It was like shopping for something in the store. If it meets your criteria, then you learn to love what you got. This totally ruled out the idea of "LOVE at first sight." As far as LOVE was concerned, nobody seemed to know what it was anyway, so keep your check list handy.

When I went to college to study for the ministry, I began to formulate my list of talents, assets and characteristics which were necessary for a preacher's wife to possess. First of all she should be a Christian, (that made sense), second, taking advice from many sources, Grandpa Titus, brother Floyd and others who were in the ministry, she should be a good piano player. Of course, she should be intelligent, congenial, caring, outgoing, self-controlled, able to get along with others, concerned about the Lord's work and feel a call and dedication to full time Christian Service, etc., - the mental list went on....

I was very much aware that this was a two-way street. I had to prepare myself and be able to give as much as I expected. This was part of my motivation for self-development. It was very logical and rational. You can not ask for more than you are

While at Miltonvale College, I went with a couple of girls. I was trying to make my philosophy and ideas work but somehow I did not feel good about the relationships. Something was missing. They were nice girls but it seemed I had to give up too many items on my check list. I never felt completely comfortable about it but I was sure that the good feeling called LOVE would come in time IF I just kept working at my mental gymnastics and rationalizations. In fact, with the second girl, after about a year and a half, we were sorta engaged. You see, I was just about through school so it was important to get something like "finding a wife" all wrapped up. All preachers had to have a wife, but it seemed that on this "LOVE BIT" I was losing ground. It was getting worse instead of better.

It was at this point that Jean entered the picture. in the fall of 1944, a request came for the College Quartet to go to Salina, KS at the Wesleyan Church for two week ends for their revival. Since the new quartet had not been formed yet, Wilbur Coates and I were asked to go. We got there a little before service time and when I walked in the church I heard someone playing the piano. I liked what I heard. When I saw who was playing and quickly assessed the situation, it hit me. Something inside said, "How would you like to have a girl friend like that?" Everything in me said, "Yay!" For an instant the feeling which I had said was dumb and stupid, etc, prevailed. I soon got a hold of myself and came back to reality. You can rest assured that I got better acquainted with this gal before the meeting was over. We enjoyed talking, she was exciting, and we exchanged some information about ourselves but, I did some checking on my own. The more I found out, the more those "stupid feelings" surfaced that I had when I first saw her. I was going through my mental check list and so far they were mostly checking out positive. no one knew how I felt. There two major problems. One, I was going steady and "sorta engaged" and two, I found out from reliable sources, that Jean was engaged to a sailor. So, I said to myself, "that blows that."

I still enjoyed her company and she seemed to like talking to me. We were just friends. I felt so comfortable with her. She was intelligent, energetic, and exciting. She was interested in what I was doing as well as my goals and plans. Neither of us tried to go beyond the friendship stage. It would have been nice if it could have been more, but circumstances made it absolutely impossible. During that school year, the College Quartet went at least four times to Salina, either to the Christian Servicemen's Center, the church or the radio station. I always enjoyed our trip to Salina and now as I look back on it, it was no doubt because of my expectation of seeing Jean.

I found myself comparing the girl I was dating with Jean. This added to my growing dissatisfaction with our relationship. Because of family problems, she went home to Portland, OR at the end of the first semester. About the first of May, I wrote my "Dear John" letter. It was no surprise to find out that she

was feeling much as I did so that chapter in my life was closed.

I found myself totally "detached" for the first time in three years. As the Alka-Selzer commercial says, "Oh, what a relief it is." I was relieved but it did not change anything as far as Jean and I were concerned because she was still writing to the sailor. From what I had found out, his parents were friends of the family and they had known each other as kids. Jean and his sister were good friends. Their going together and "sorta" engagement developed after he had gone to the service and was overseas. Probably the most troubling fact was that he was not a Christian and like most service men had no idea what he wanted to do when he got out. The only exception to that was that he thought he wanted to marry Jean. I didn't like that but what could I say since most of this information had come from other sources.

The summer of 1945, I traveled for eight weeks for MWC with Garl Beaver since no quartet was available. At that point in my life, Jean was just a pleasant memory. We didn't write and as far as I was concerned there was no chance that we would even see each other again.

It was about the last of July that things began to happen. Our last stop was the Kansas Camp at Miltonvale. I had to stay in Miltonvale until the middle of August so I could go to Denver to be in Wilbur Coates wedding. Dale Campbell, who was the pastor of the Salina Church, asked me to come to Salina for a couple of weeks and help him do some house painting. I jumped at the chance. This meant money and a chance to see Jean. The next two weeks were very enjoyable. I saw Jean as much as I could but nothing really changed since she was still writing the sailor. When I left for Denver, I knew this was the end for sure, because from Denver I was heading for Marion College in Indiana.

The week in Denver passed rapidly while preparing for Wilbur's wedding. As Providence would have it, Dale Campbell was in Denver and came to the wedding. He brought a message from one of the men in the Salina Church of a job offer. He wanted me to help put siding on a three story house. He would pay me \$1.00 an hour and my board and room. This sounded good to me so I accepted. It meant money in my pocket and a chance to see Jean again.

I arrived by train in Salina on a Saturday afternoon and went to the home of my employer. After supper, I walked to town to the Christian Service Center. I was asked to lead the singing for the evening service. While in the middle of the first song, I walked Jean and her aunt to be. This was the beginning of the most important week in my life.

I saw Jean after the service and she informed me that I was to teach a Sunday School Class the next day. That necessitated walking home with Jean and her friend to pick up a quarterly. I also got an invitation to Sunday Dinner.

We had very little chance to talk because there was always someone there. We went to church that evening as usual but during the service my thoughts were mostly about my feelings for Jean, the shortness of time, and how I could tell her how I felt. I had no idea what she would say. Maybe it would be like what happened when I was 15. I was now 21 and more confident and figured it was worth the risk. I sure didn't want to go through life kicking myself because I didn't say anything. The worst she could say was, I don't feel the way you do. I knew what my plans and goals were for my life. I was committed to doing what God

wanted and He would work out the details of a mate. I knew my world would not collapse if she said no, so I committed myself to laying it all on the line and hoped and prayed for the best.

In order to be alone after church, Jean and I went for a walk to a school yard about one block away and sat on the merry-go-round. I "straight out" told her how I had felt about her from the first day I saw her. She then told me that while I was in Denver she had broken her engagement with the sailor because she felt she could not marry someone who was not a Christian, but my real feelings came as somewhat of a surprise because she had no idea that anyone would be interested in her with that much of an age difference (3 1/2 years). The love bug had not put the bite on her at our first meeting as it had on me. The more we talked, the more we saw the Providence of God in our relationship. We were so relaxed and open with each other. We were satisfied that our plans, goals, background and ambitions were almost identical. I had asked Jean once in our talks if she felt that a girl could be called to be a preacher's wife just as God calls a man to the ministry. She had replied, "I have wondered about that." Later she confessed that she wasn't about to say "yes", because she did not want me to think she was making a play for me and she couldn't say "no", because she would be lying.

By the time we parted that night we were completely sure that we had found our mate. We would have gotten married the next day, if it had not given the appearance of being totally stupid, crazy, and irrational. We had both been noted for being practical and rational. In kindness to our friends and families we decided against such hasty action. I can assure you that the week which followed was filled to the brim. We both worked all day and courted most of the night. (That means that I went home by 11:00 or so, because I had 2 or 3 miles to walk.) That week was a time of getting to know each other better and planning for the future.

When I left Salina, I was on cloud nine. To show you how strong my love was, I wrote to her every single day. (She also wrote to me every day.)

The Campbells came to Marion at Thanksgiving time and she came with them. While she was there we decided that there was no point in waiting much longer to get married for we would be no more sure a year from then than we were at that time.

We were married December 24, 1945 in Salina, KS by Dale Campbell in the parsonage during a Kansas blizzard. We had 12 inches of snow and lots of wind. We were married in a storm but have live in peace for 43 years.

Through these years we have tried to put into practice my favorite definition of love which is: **LOVE IS THE DEDICATION OF ONE PERSON TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANOTHER.**

From Jean Titus: I remember when Art was about 6, he had been to the neighbors and watched TV. He came breezing in with this question, "Mom, how does a TV work?" I was busy and said, "I don't know - go ask your Dad." His reply was, "Oh no, I don't want a lecture, I just want to know how it works."

NEWS FLASH ITEMS

Art and Angie Titus live in Clearwater, FL. Art is working at Radio Shack in Countryside Mall. Angie is Assistant Manager of the Jewelry Dept. of Burdines Dept. Store in St. Petersburg.

The Kent Underwood family has moved to Ohio, south of Cincinnati. Kent resigned his school teaching job to be the Minister of Music and Youth for a large Nazarene church.

Katie Underwood is walking!

Jared Powell crawls and tears bows off of Christmas packages. He also Loves music!

Walt and Jean Titus visited the Frank Underwood family Dec. 3, '87. Floyd and Olive Titus came from Yorktown to join them. Floyd and Olive are living-in at David's for a few months to help with Landry while David and Laurie finish remodeling their house.

Glen and Shirley Ruschill have a secret. (Editor's note: Aunt Jean's note said not to say anything until May 15th was closer. I know I won't be typing another one of these before then, so everyone will have to try to guess what their secret is.)

Bryan Titus is making great progress. He has finished his cognitive retraining and doesn't seem to be impaired ANY. He's walking without any help, not driving yet, but can be on his own at the mall or store or church. He's planning to take some classes at U.N.C.A. this coming Spring. Thank God! He still does miracles!

Walt and Jean Titus traveled 4,700 miles to KA., WI., ILL., IND., GA., and home. Walt says, "It seems I work awfully hard at being retired."

Wesley Woellhof had surgery Oct. 8. They cut out 8"-10" of his intestine. He is doing fine.

The factory that Paul Woellhof works at was sold and they decided to lay off 40 people, so Paul was one of them. Elinor and Paul still have their night job.

Brian and Happy Chronister just found out that they are expecting their second child on September 5. Their hope was to have their children 18 months apart, so they have to deliver two weeks early or settle for children 18 1/2 months apart.

Jane Titus sends news of her September visit to Joanne and family and then a trip to the Seattle area in November to see Rose and friends. Dallas went with her to Seattle. Jane says both trips were nearly perfect vacations and very meaningful to her.

Nancy Titus is working full time at a photo finishing lab in addition to 15 hrs. a week as a church secretary. Word comes from Jane that Walt Titus baked his first pie, which was very good, for her birthday dinner.

Paul and Betty Titus have now joined the Food Committee for the next reunion. That group consists of Barb Swanson - chairperson, Walt, Elaine, Rose, Olive, and Missy Manion.

Jade Daniel Titus was born to Jody and Dan Titus on September 26th. He weighed in at 10 lbs. 5 oz.

Josh Manion starred as Ace pilot in a film at Universal Studios during his California vacation in October.

Marlene Bateman's summer:

June - played Dido in Purcell's opera, Dido and Aeneas.

July - reached the summit of Mr. Rainier.

August - got creamed in the Porsche and sprained her neck.

Ron Bateman was awarded the #1 University graduate fellowship in the University of Texas Dept. of Architecture and spent the summer studying in England, France and Italy.

Brian, Happy and Charity Chronister took a vacation to Disneyland at the end of October. They had an adjoining room to Dale, Ruth, Missy and Josh Manion. On the way to California the Chronisters stopped off in Portland and were able to see Floyd and Olive Titus and Phil and Lola Gregory. Brian also took a look at Western Baptist Theological Seminary where he may go - someday.

DOROTHY UNDERWOOD On being a Twin

As you know we moved every 3 to 5 years. It was nice to know you always had someone to go to school with and you never had to be alone. When you are bashful and scared like we were, it made going to school much easier.

GETTING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER TO SING, AND LOVING IT by DOROTHY UNDERWOOD

Our singing started with the children when we would take our trip to WI. We sang the harmony and they the melody. At Baraboo, we sang with them at Sunday School parties. Then back in Indiana we took them to revival meetings where we were the singers. We began to have them sing with us. They enjoyed it, and as they grew older and wanted to expand their talents with guitars and drums we got what they wanted and we stepped back and let them be the bosses! (almost) allowing them to sing their style of song. Kent really did become the boss! Kent says that being given that opportunity is the reason he decided to be a music teacher.

LIVING SO CLOSE TOGETHER by DOROTHY UNDERWOOD

We have tried to make home a fun place to be. I can't explain why the kids want to stay around. Moms and Dads come in handy!! One reason might be the college they went to was close by and they stayed at home. The job opportunities opened up close to home also. Of course our singing career has been a big factor. Darrell thinks it's "Dorothy's Apple Pie"!

**Dorothy Underwood answers your question -
HOW DID ALL OF YOU KNOW YOU COULD SING?**

They had Elinor, Paul, and I singing as little kids. I never thought that maybe I couldn't sing. I always could tell if someone was off key. I would come home from school disgusted and say, "Those kids sound like boards falling down." We spent many nights around the piano. Grandpa with his violin and Elinor at the piano. Lola and Clarence taught us to harmonize. We loved to sing and develop our harmony when we were in 3rd and 4th grades. My alto became natural in the 4th grade. Our first song for church was "Marvelous Grace." I took voice at M.W.C. so that I could sing properly. I have a soprano range too. I always wanted to sing in a trio. Instead God gave me my own trio of girls to enjoy.

**UPDATE ON STEVE FLETCHER
BY PATSY TITUS FLETCHER**

It has been quite a year for us, with dad passing away in January, and with Steve being diagnosed as having Hodgkins disease in October. But the Lord has been with us in a real way and we use every opportunity we can to be a witness for Him and praise Him for all He has done for us.

Steve began to feel weak in August and was getting dizzy and having shortness of breath. His neck and face began to swell up and he thought he had an allergy. He finally agreed to go to the doctor, who did chest ex-rays and a heart sonogram and sent him immediately to the hospital. They found that he had a tumor on and in his heart, partially blocking the flow of oxygenized blood to the head, causing the dizziness and swelling. He was in the hospital for 2 weeks as they did various tests and biopsies. They finally came up with the diagnosis of Hodgkins disease, which usually occurs in the lymph glands. It is one of the few curable types of cancer, and in Steve's case they caught it in the 1st stage. (It had not spread anywhere else in his body.) There is 85-90% chance of total cure with approximately 6 months of chemotherapy. He has completed two months so far and is tolerating it pretty well, all things considered. He has been able to preach the last 3 weeks, and hopes to be able to continue to do so with the Lord's help. His father has been driving up to help him with the services, and filled in for him in the pulpit while he was in the hospital. We are so thankful that his parents are close by to help out with the boys and help me take care of Steve! We are also thankful for all of the prayers and cards from friends and relatives all over the country. This has not been an easy experience by any means, but God is teaching us many things and it has helped us grow more dependent on Him. I would love to write more, and I know I have left out a lot of the details, but I was doing good to get this much written! We are hanging in there, and appreciate your continued prayers for us!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR TRIP - FALL 1988

LOLA - My highlights were 1) spending a wonderful 8 days with Paul David and his family - the feeling of being entertained instead of entertaining, 2) renewing my acquaintance with my cousin Ruth in Idaho after being separated for 60 years, 3) viewing the handiwork of God - especially the mountains and the Pacific Ocean, 4) meeting some wonderful new friends.

PHIL - My first highlight was squeezing into Floyd and Olive's car and actually starting down the road, 2) seeing the good campus at Brainard Indian School, 3) Mt. Rushmore and the Needles Drive, S.D., 4) the Buffalo at Yellowstone and the Gorge, 5) Devil's Tower, Wyo. 6) meeting my cousins in Mont. last seen in 1933, 7) seeing great uncle Jim's Pine Knot Ranch and Gallogly Springs last visited in 1932, 8) Lookout Drive Mont. - 100 mile site, 9) Space Needle, Seattle, 10) Museum of Science - Portland World Forestry Center, 11) Mt. Hood Timberline Lodge was outstanding 12) Grande Coulee Dam, incredible, 13) Astoria Marine Historical Museum, 14) Restored Ft. Clatsop where Lewis and Clark wintered in 1806, 15) Oregon coast, Coos Bay, Ocean beach, tour of JAP Friehter 550ft. loading logs, 16) Visit to Hugh Rader's brother-in-law to see outstanding artifacts and rock slices - table of rock slices, lamp shades, ceiling light, and Eskimo carvings in ivory of seal tusks - unbelievable - especially a sailing ship model about 6" long - boat and sails and masts were made from ivory and the rigging was made from baleen, the black fibers from a whales mouth. OLIVE - I thought that the Devil's Tower, a great, tall, huge rock was very impressive. It was in Wyoming. We had never seen it before. We also drove around Mt. Hood in Oregon. It was beautiful. We drove up to the timberline on a very sunny day. Also, I had always wanted to visit Brainard Indian School and we were able to do that on this trip.

FLOYD - I enjoyed seeing the presidents up close at the Mt. Rushmore monument in South Dakota. Most everything we saw we had seen before, only it was different in that Phil and Lola were along.

CALIFORNIA TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

BRIAN - Body surfing, finding 11 Perry Mason's I hadn't read and Space Mountain.

HAPPY - Shopping at craft and antique shops at Disneyland, visiting relatives, eating out, and spending extra time with Brian.

CHARITY - Being strapped inside a car seat or stroller for 16 hours a day, eating sand at the beach, and learning to walk along furniture.

JOSH - Riding on Space Mountain, body surfing on the Pacific Ocean, and the Universal Studio Tour.

MISSY - Body surfing and playing with Charity.

RUTH - Eating butterscotch pie at Marie's, a pie place, getting to know sweet Charity, and the Universal Studio Tour.

DALE - Tour of Universal Studio and time to read!

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

JOSH - The Stony Man Doctrine by Don Pendleton - a mystery book.

DALE - Lord Change Me by Evelyn Christianson

RUTH - Why Wait? by Josh McDowell and Dick Day - What you need to know about the teen sexuality crisis.

HAPPY - Love Must Be Tough - by James Dobson - read it before you need it.

CHARITY - What Does Ducky Say?

Floyd: "What day is this?"

Dave: "This is Wednesday."

Floyd: "That's strange. I missed Tuesday last week, too."

An interview with Phil Gregory on Nutrition

by Happy Chronister, on location in Portland, Oregon

The human body was created to be healthy. We are confronted with many things that deteriorate our environment: air pollution, sprays on food, water pollution etc.

The first premise of natural hygiene is that all cooked food is dead food. After being heated beyond 115° all of the enzymes are destroyed while calories remain. Then the food is not digested completely or properly.

The second premise of natural hygiene is: Proper food combining. Proteins, carbohydrates, and Fats. Proteins have to have an acid medium to digest. Carbohydrates such as bread and potatoes have to have an alkaline medium to digest. When eaten together neither will digest properly. Carbohydrates, Starches, and sugars begin their digestive process in the mouth with the amylase in the saliva. If eaten with proteins, they are digested in the stomach and need pepsin and hydrochloric acid. Indigestion is a result of eating the two groups together. If you eat more Carbohydrates than proteins you have fermentation. If you eat more protein you have putrefaction - or methane ("That's flammable too!") Eat proteins with neutral foods like lettuce and cabbage. Eat carbohydrates with neutral foods with no proteins added.

We need much less protein than we think because as adults we are not growing or creating significant muscle tissue. 95% of your food intake should be carbohydrates. The other 5% should be from the Protein and fat group. When man was created he ate raw ripe fruit. When God gave man permission to eat meat he didn't change their digestive chemistry. Studies of Indian tribes in Central and South America have proven that people can get by on 15-25 g. of protein, eating vegetables and fruits almost exclusively and maintain a high level of health. (These people could even race bicycles over miles of mountain trails at an elevation of 13,000 - 14,000 feet.)

Nutrition finally take place when the cells of the body receive the food elements from the blood. The main food element is glycogen. All food must be reduced to glycogen plus 28 minerals plus many vitamins. Glycogen produces the cell energy that the body uses.

Here is the germ theory. When you take in things that your body doesn't need (like extra protein) the body's toxic level exceeds the capacity of the body's eliminative processes. When that happens the body institutes different avenues of eliminative processes - lie phlem on you throat. Streptococcos germs won't live on living tissue, but they will on waste products that the body creates for elimination. Fasting allows the human body to eliminate itself and completely restore itself.

CONCLUSIONS:

Life science recognizes that the body is a self sufficient organism, that it is self-directing, self-constructing, self-preserving, and self-healing.

Disease and illness proceed from insufficient nerve energy and consequent toxicosis. Recovery can be achieved only by discontinuing its causes and supplying conditions favorable to healing.

Man needs pure air, pure water, fresh air, vigorous activity, and sunlight.

A diet of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds should be eaten in compatible combinations in a fresh raw state.

SUGGESTED READING: "Fit For Life" by Harvey and Marily Diamond who studied the life Science Course - College of Life Science, Austin Texas

MEMORIES OF GRANDMA AND GRANDPA

Floyd remembers W.H. Titus taking him with him on a trip to Iowa before the family ever moved there. Possibly they went so he could candidate. Floyd was about 10 years old. "It was quite a trip, from Owen, WI in the model T Ford."

Floyd's first sentences were, "Watch out! There's a hook on there." because that is what his dad always told him when they were handling the fishing gear.

Olive remembers seeing Grandma Titus going for a walk on Titus Hill in Madison. We would think, "Grandpa must be playing his violin." I also remember Grandma walking her fingers up the door casing to increase her upreach when she was suffering from arthritis.

A NOTE FROM JANE TITUS - In Grandpa Titus' life story which I received with the last newsletter, there was a sentence, "Among those converted in this meeting (at Chittamo) was one young man who later became one of our finest pastors." He was referring to Harry Johnson, who most of you know. Harry is retired, has heart trouble, and is living in Wesleyan Village. It is always a pleasure to visit him and Florence. Harry never talks about the early years of his life without mentioning Walter Titus. He says he was about 16 when he was saved and Walter Titus was 26. Harry thought Walter was so old and wise. He taught Harry how to study the Bible and how to live a Christian life, and he was an influence for good that Harry has never ceased to be grateful for. Harry laughs as he tells, "Walter never drank coffee, he just sipped hot water. I thought that was the Christian thing to do, so for several years I just drank hot water because Walter Titus did!"

TITUS REUNION CASH FUND REPORT

submitted by Jane Titus

Balance on hand 10/25/86	1,323.66
Received Interest:	
*Church of Christian Crusade	238.00
Bank Account 11/86 - 11/87	<u>79.93</u>
	1,641.59
Disbursed:	
Copying and Postage for Newsletter: Jan.1987	41.12
Aug. 1987	32.00
Cost of Checks 10-30-76	<u>7.89</u>
	81.01
Balance 11-30-87	<u>1,560.58</u>

*Grandpa Titus loaned money to C. of C. C. (Hargis). They are supposed to be paying interest quarterly but are not. Neither have they paid back the principal after repeated requests.

OCEAN FUN by MISSY MANION

Ocean waves are lots of fun
Body surfing in the sun
Floating on the highest wave
To do this you must be brave.

If you don't catch the wave just right,
It will not be a pretty sight.
Under the water you will go,
Sandy beach and undertow.

When you finally get to ride
On the perfect wave, you'll glide.
Sends you up the sandy shore
You'll just wade back in for more.

MY GRANDPA (MANION) by MISSY MANION

Death, peaceful death, filled with hope
Cancer was his assassin.
The pain was visible in his face.
Yet he would try to conceal it.
Independent was he to the very end.

Became a Christian with little
time to spare
But in that one week of
believing there was so much
hope, and all his fears vanished.

I have accepted his death
easily because I know I
will see him again.

GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

By some of the Floyd Titus Family

Mar - Selling real estate, climbing Mt. McKinley, learning to perform

Ron - Going to architecture school, getting the #1 University Graduate Fellowship and studying in England / France / Italy this summer

Steve - achieving Masters of Divinity, surviving in business for 6 years

Barb - Learning to enjoy family and friends, being able to sell anything I choose, learning to enjoy life as a growing process

Katie - Singing pretty, drawing very well, eating beautifully

Floyd - Influencing peoples lives, raising 7 children

Olive - Raising 7 children plus 2 years of Jason, teaching music, helping in churches, helping Floyd survive, being a loyal friend to many

Happy - Being a Day Care Director, getting my teaching degree, teaching, building 2 houses, amazing my husband during labor and delivery with Charity

Brian - Becoming a good teacher of the Bible

Laurie - Graduating from Kollige, working as a baker and learning how to cater events on my own, marrying Dave and being satisfied as a homemaker, finally disciplining myself to have a "quiet time" each day, so far so good (ed. this was written BEFORE Landry arrived) climbing Humbolt, using my artistic abilities

David - Graduating from MIT, surviving a year of teaching 9th grade girls, being a good Sunday School teacher, climbing McKinley and Aconcagua, running and doing well in my first marathon, being a good engineer and enjoying it

Ruth - Being a good friend by listening, being involved in a growing marriage, being a mom to Missy and Josh, consistent Bible study for personal growth, Homeschooling and changing state law

Dale - speaking at my dad's funeral, getting Master of Divinity, helping make a workable marriage, being an involved father

Missy -- Being a good friend, having fun at all times

Josh - Skiing down into a valley with Ron!!!, being involved in sports

(This information was collected a year ago in the Floyd Titus Family circle letter. Since then, John and Rich's families have joined. This circle letter has been a wonderful way for all of us to keep in touch with one another. It would be an excellent way for each family to collect information to send to Ruth. You could ask each other questions etc.)

CHRISTMAS TRADITION from Rose Titus

Our family opened their gifts on Christmas Eve, we sing Christmas Carols, and we read the story of the Nativity. We had a special light supper of snacks and goodies which we each requested. We hung our stockings before going to bed, until we kids began staying up long after "Santa" was tucked into bed on Christmas Eve.

Mom made us all flannel nighties or p.j.'s at Christmas. I remember one Christmas when we lived in WI, that we each got a hot water bottle as a gift. That was before the luxury of electric blankets. Now I sleep in a heated water bed - so have we progressed!

Our family always had a real (if cheap) Christmas tree decorated with multi-colored lights, glass balls and tinsel. For the past two years I have decorated a potted palm with red ribbons and snowflakes. So much for tradition!

CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES

Made by Dorothy Underwood for the past 34 years

3 cups of flour	1 cup shortening
1 t. baking powder	3 eggs
1/4 t. salt	1 t. vanilla
1 1/4 cup of sugar	

1) Sift dry ingredients together. Add shortening, mixing in with a fork. Add unbeaten eggs and flavoring. Mix well.

2) Roll out very thin on a floured board and cut with floured cookie cutters. Put more flour on the board if the dough gets sticky and work the flour in.

3) Bake on a cookie sheet in a moderate oven, 350* for 8 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.

**I like to make these cookies early and then we take a day when we have time to sit around the kitchen table and frost them with different colored powdered sugar frostings and everyone can be creative.*

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