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MARY NELL SMITH

1939-2012



On Monday morning December 17, our dear sister Mary Nell Smith took a journey of a lifetime. A trip that had been planned for a long time for which she had made preparation since July 14, 1962 when she was baptized into Christ and added to the Lord's church. To it she had been loyal and faithful from that time. We all hated to see her depart, but how could we not keep her from realizing her dream coming true?

She was birthed to George and Quay Carter Minor on August 8, 1939 in Pontotoc, MS. She was no stranger to death because of losing her mother when she was twelve years of age, her mother-in-law, Pauline Smith, on November 9, 2011, father, three sisters and a brother.

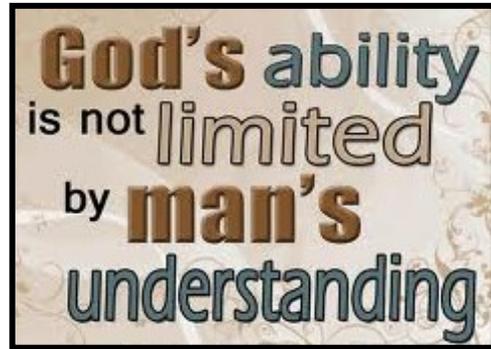
Mary Nell was a quiet lady, but warm and hospitable. She was non-pretentious and genuine in disposition. Mary Nell was a servant type of an individual, by choice, and glad to be so. For most of their married life, Carl's mother, Pauline Smith, lived with them and was responded to by Mary Nell as if she were her mother. She was a great cook and provided many dishes for church activities, those in need and for those who were sick or grieving. She loved her daughters and families and doted on her grandchildren. She is survived by two daughters: Lisa Bristow (Clifton) and Sandra Moffitt (Lamar) who live next door to Carl. Her real pleasure in life was provided by the love of her three grandchildren: Marisa Catt (Justin), Joanna Moffitt and Dylan Bristow.

She has served Carl for 46 years as wife and friend. They would have celebrated their anniversary on the Sunday following her death. Carl summarized her entire life by simply saying, "Mary Nell never had much to say, but she was a good woman." Too, this year marked the 50th anniversary of her being a Christian. She was baptized at the New Albany Church of Christ where she attended faithfully until her death.

To Carl and the family we extend our love and condolences on such a loss to their family. Her presence has already been missed by her empty pew on the south side of the auditorium in worship, the conversation that different ones of us enjoyed prior to Bible Class has been silenced, her warm and endearing smile has been stilled; but memories of her shall remain vivid, comforting and reassuring to all. In her quiet and humble manner she slipped from this life to announce powerfully and confidently that God is real, alive and that she has gone to see Him and that we are all welcome to come also!

**VIEWING SELF
FROM
GOD'S PERSPECTIVE**

Mike King



Our Lord tried during His ministry to give us the mind of God on most matters. He taught eloquent lessons by the most simplest of means. It was by parables that He stressed the value of individuals. He compared man to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price. Both parables stressed how a person of discernment would go to any lengths to acquire the field with hidden treasure or the pearl merchant selling everything to acquire the one of great value (Mt. 13:44-46).

The above text emphasizes the importance of understanding the work of things. When we appreciate the value of the Lord's kingdom, any price to pay is not too much to be a part of it. When God created the world, He acknowledged that *"it was good"* (Gen. 1:25). He *"created man in his own image"* (Gen. 1:27), and *"God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good"* (Gen. 1:31). The addition of man to God's creation added value. God saw value in just one person. God's marvelous work on man made the world complete.

It is unfortunate that many people do not feel special. We take a look at our physical bodies and lament that we are too fat, too thin, too short, too tall, too young, too old, etc. What is real sad is when people look into the mirror of the soul and leave distraught because of what they see. It is a strange phenomenon, but man views his own wrongs considerably worse than those of others. We are far more forgiving and considerate of the dilemmas in the lives of others than in our own life. When we view ourselves as unfit, unworthy, incapable, and having no value, we eventually project that assessment of self toward others and begin to see them as lesser in worth.

The most accurate rule of measure of our individual self is to understand the great price or gift that was given to redeem our soul. *"God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son"* (Jn. 3:16). God must have seen value and worth in me, significant enough that He was willing to give His very best to save me. My worth is totally dependent upon God for His creation and re-creation abilities. When looking through the eyes of God we find great value. When looking through the eyes of men we are inclined to diminish our worth in a progressive manner. Recognize that you are very important to God; worth the blood of Jesus, and desired to live with God in heaven. It makes it easier to view other people as God views me. Lift up your head and be encouraged!

Tough Service

One Sunday morning, the preacher noticed little Alex standing in the church foyer staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and had small flags mounted on either side of it. The preacher walked over, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Preacher," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Preacher, what is this?" "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service....the 9:30 or the 10:30?"





PRAYER LIST

*We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Altha Rogers**, who passed away Tues., Jan. 1st, in Corinth, MS. Visitation will be from noon until 2:00pm, with the funeral at 2pm, Fri. Jan. 4th, at the Foote St. Church of Christ in Corinth. Burial will be in the New Albany Cemetery.

* We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Avis Ward**, mother of *Sue Gregory* and aunt of *Sharon Clemmer*, who passed away Thus. Dec. 27th.

Continual Prayer : Eleta Grimmitt, Anna Claire Ellis, Taterrian Wilson, Louise Vickers, Josh White, Jeff Denton, Melissa Reed, David Thornton, Whitney House, Suzette Renix, Grace Anderson, Diane Sloan, Randall Haney, Rosie Wilson, Rex Lyon, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Jack Dunlap, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins: Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Belle Cross, Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan

Best Wishes From Mike & Sheila

We would like to express our appreciation for the generous gift of money and gifts given to us for Christmas. Certainly your support and friendship are coveted, but the expression of it was very kind.

Too, we want to thank all those who came to be in our home for a visit Sunday afternoon. We love and appreciate you folks a great amount and that was a small and simple effort to show it. You are always welcome in our home without it being a special invite. We love being a part of the congregation and your lives.

We wish for each of you a very Happy New Year. We will pray for your safety, happiness, good health and growth in Christ. Love, Mike & Sheila



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 04. Pat Kennedy
January 05. Linda Ashmore
January 11. Alvin Parks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11. Greg & Kim Clayton



RESPONSES

Hunter Jennings was baptized Wed. night, Dec. 19th, by his granddad, *Richard Jennings*. *Hunter* is the son of *Jason* and *Amy Jennings*. We congratulate *Hunter* on his decision to become a Christian and pray for him as he begins his Christian walk.

Alvin Parks came forward Wed. night, Dec. 26 asking for forgiveness and prayers for strength for himself and his family. Please continue to remember *Alvin* and his family in your prayer as he tries to find employment and as they strive to live as Christ would have them.

JANUARY EVENTS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting at Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ Jan. 13th.
- Senior Bible Bowl Jan. 20th, here at New Albany.
- 3rd Sun. night fellowship Jan. 20th
- Jr. Bible Bowl Sat. Jan. 26th, at the Mayfield Church of Christ.

INFORMER UPDATE!!!

Thanks so much to all who notified us that they would like to keep receiving the Informer. We appreciate all the kind words about our bulletin. This will be the **last issue** you will receive by mail unless you have notified our office. If you would like to keep receiving the Informer by mail please clip your address from the front of the bulletin and mail it to us at: P.O. 148 New Albany, MS 38652. You may also contact us at 662-534-4649 or by email at: nacoc15s@gmail.com. We will be happy to continue sending the Informer to you.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	107
Sunday A.M.....	149
Sunday P.M.....	100
Wednesday.....	102
Contribution.....	\$ 5,980.50
Budget.....	\$ 3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer.....	Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....	Terry Stubblefield
Closing.....	Bobby Marques
Wed 1/9.....	Jason McCullough
Wed. 1/9.....	Greg Harrison
Usher & Lock.....	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM

Gravy Mixes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	538-8195
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

MONTH: JANUARY 2013

SOUND

ROOM Paul Ormon

LEAD

SINGING

SUN AM: Greg Harrison

SUN PM: Richard Jennings

WED: Beard/Kennedy

LORD'S

SUPPER

N Head: Brad Pounders

N Help I: Alvin Parks

N Help II: Gary Turner

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

A.M.

Opening

Closing

1ST Richard Adams

2ND Richard Jennings

3RD Randy Wall

4TH Troy Robertson

5TH

Bill Lyon

Matt Jennings

Clay Ormon

Lonnie Weaver

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

PM

Opening

Closing

1ST Terry Stubblefield

2ND Steve Todd

3RD Jason Jennings

4TH Phillip Young

5TH

Bobby Marques

Anderson Parks

Burrell Walton

Olen Clark

WED

PRAYERS

Opening

Closing

1ST Ray Kennedy

2ND J. McCullough

3RD Bill Botts

4TH Greg Clayton

5TH Dillon Clayton

Ronnie Griggs

Greg Harrison

Perry Jones

Tyler Weaver

David Clayton

ANNOUNCEMENTS Harold Russell

USHER Chris Smithey

PREPARE

COMMUNION Lana Todd

S Head: Phil Young

S Help I: Mark Jennings

S Help II: Bobby White

SCRIPTURE

READING

Ruston Adams

Cody Clemmer

Hunter Jennings

Thomas Wall

USHER & LOCK

Harold Russell

Randy Wall

Lonnie Weaver

Greg Clayton

GREETERS

T & N Robertson

G & K Clayton

R & K Jennings

B & A Pounders

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