12 Years Later, Her Vision Lives

It is 3:15AM June 5 as I sit at my desk once again trying my best to find some words for this June newsletter. Why write at 3:15AM? It is when I am at my best and there aren’t any distractions.

It was about this time back in 2007 when we (myself and some of my older children) met with Sandy’s lead surgeon and he proceeded to let us know that Mom only had a couple weeks to live as she was slipping fast. She had struggled hard for over two years, but now, her Homecoming was close at hand. This was at St. Joseph’s hospital in Lexington, KY.

Her room was right across from the nurses station. Her doctors and the nurses who had attended her for the past two years would do all they could medically to keep her as comfortable as possible. What had started as colon cancer had spread to ovarian cancer and to other areas of her abdomen. After praying and entrusting her into God’s care, we felt a lot more at ease.

A good friend of our family, Nancy Wisdom, offered to stay with her 24/7 until she passed away. She made a pallet on the floor and attended to all her needs to keep her comfortable. Turning her, rubbing her hand and giving her sips of water and all the special care she needed. She stayed with her for the two weeks. We, as a family, appreciated that dedication more than Nancy would ever know.

The morning of June 18 at about 4AM, the hospital called and said she only had a couple of hours left. About 30 of us traveled the 70 miles to Lexington and was at her bedside for the couple of hours before her spirit left the room. She was in a coma, but the nurse said that her hearing would be the last sense to leave her body.

So, one by one, we knelt at her bedside and whispered directly into her ear to tell her we would see her again someday. She heard us, the nurse said, but was unable to respond verbally. When the nurse said, after reading the instruments attached to Mom, she was gone – it became so silent that, even with 30 people in the room, a pin dropping to the floor would have sounded like a rock. I, for one, felt chill bumps as her spirit ascended to Heaven. Someone started singing Amazing Grace as we all joined and sang along. There wasn’t any screaming or loud sobbing – just peace that passed all understanding. After a short while, we left as the funeral home folks arrived from Liberty. After I arrived home, two TV stations from Lexington were waiting for me.

How fast the news travels?

We had her funeral in our gym and it was packed like never before. Her grave had been dug by sons and grandsons behind our cabin. Her casket was loaded in our Mennonite neighbor’s horse-drawn hearse and we all walked behind it a few hundred yards to her gravestones where we had a short service.

I wish I could have heard her say, “I’m finally Home.” I would have loved to hear our Lord say, “Welcome thy good and faithful servant, enter in.”

The past 12 years have had its share of ups and downs as expected. Her last words to me as I have said often was, “Dad, don’t quit. Don’t ever give up.”

In spite of normal problems that we have faced and me being 12 years older (I’ll be 79 October 2) and a few aches and pains that I had at the young age of 66, I really believe I have honored her last request. By the grace of God, I will continue until I take my last breath and am laid next to her behind our cabin.
Enjoy our photo tribute for Mom and all that she was and all that she remains for us. If you are ever in our neck of the woods, drop in. We can go to Mom’s Bread of Life Café and have a great, southern-Kentucky meal and talk about the good ole days when Mom was with us.

Faithfully fulfilling her last request (demand),

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa’ Oso

**UPCOMING PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

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Email quincy@galileanhome.org to book our program. All times are Eastern time.

**GET INVOLVED**

Our volunteer program is a good way to dive in and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our ministry. Ladies 18 & older, if you feel you have the love and patience along with a good amount of flexibility to care for our family, we encourage you to apply. Volunteers are very important part of what we do. You get to care for our severely handicapped residents in the Blessing House, and other members of our family, as well as caring for our babies at the Angel House. We also need teacher’s aides for our academy, so there are plenty of areas in which to serve. We provide housing and basic needs, but do require at least a three-month commitment.

Please prayerfully consider this and give our Volunteer Coordinator, Dawn Shultz, a call at 606.706.9457 or email her at dshultz@galileanhome.org for more information.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Thank you for blessing us while you shop!

To ensure Kroger can appropriately donate to Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. on your behalf, please register your Kroger Plus card and be sure to use our organization number “ut791”

**MOM’S BOOKS**

You can get both of Sandy’s books for just $20.

Faith, Hope and Room for One More and Precious in His Sight

**30TH ANNUAL GALILEAN QUILT & CRAFT AUCTION**

*October 11 & 12, 2019*

Hey folks! It’s time to plan out your quilt or craft to donate for our 30th annual auction. We can’t help but remember how much Mom loved this event. So, let’s get working on those big, beautiful quilts and crafts and have our best auction ever.

Remember, it helps us if you measure your quilt and let us know what the pattern is.

- Quilt & Craft Auction Committee (606.787.5120)

more info at galileanhome.org

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We have an email list! If you would like to sign up, go to our website at www.galileanhome.org or our Facebook page at facebook.com/GalileanChildrensHome.
Galilean Home Shepherd

CURRENT NEEDS LIST

✓ Toilet Bowl Cleaner  ✓ Zip Lock Bags
✓ Infant or Children’s Tylenol  ✓ Ibuprofen
✓ Pine Sol  ✓ Size 5 Baby Diapers  ✓ Toilet Paper
✓ Adult Diapers – Size M (not the pull up type)
  (Orders over $50 on diapers.com get free shipping)
✓ Cold and Sinus Medicine  ✓ Hand Sanitizer
✓ Toddler Snacks  ✓ Baby Food Veggies
✓ 13-Gallon & 33-Gallon Trash Bags
✓ Paper Towels  ✓ Disinfectant Wipes

THANK YOU!

More on our needs list at www.galileanhome.org/get-involved

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LIBERTY, KY 42539-0880

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5369 S. HWY 127. LIBERTY, KY 42539

JUST A REMINDER: You can designate your United Way contribution to us. (Our agency # is 7003). You would need to fill out an application with your employer.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING MEAT?
A large portion of our grocery budget is meat. We can get 175 lbs of chicken for $200 and 150 lbs of beef for $300. You can designate your tax-deductible donation to purchasing meat for the Galilean Home by calling Joey at 606.706.1735.

DON’T FORGET YOUR GHM SHIRT!
Just $10 each, or 3 for $25
(throw in a little extra for shipping too)
We have black, pink, blue, and gray

非技术性提示：
- 卫生纸
- 13加仑和33加仑的垃圾袋
- 纸巾
- 去污剂
- 有关需求的更多信息，请参阅www.galileanhome.org/get-involved

非技术性提示：
- 进食计划
- 鸡肉：175磅，$200
- 牛肉：150磅，$300

非技术性提示：
- 服装销售
- 红色、粉色、蓝色和灰色

非技术性提示：
- 通讯
- 联系人：乔伊，电话：606.706.1735
- 网站：www.galileanhome.org/get-involved

非技术性提示：
- 邮票
- 用于寄信的邮票

非技术性提示：
- 零食
- 婴儿配方奶粉
- 抗炎药
- 维生素
- 免疫系统支持

非技术性提示：
- 财务
- 非营利组织
- 邮费\n
非技术性提示：
- 名片
- 邮件
- 联系方法

非技术性提示：
- 健康
- 药品
- 个人护理
- 安排

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- 网站