

IN MEMORIAM

Lillie Mae Seals 1929-2015

Lillie Mae Seals, 86, of Cottage Grove passed away Sept. 7, 2015.

She was born Jan. 10, 1929 in Harrison, Ark. to Claud and Virgie (Youngblood) Widner.

She graduated from Omaha High School.

On Oct. 2, 1949 in Harrison, Ark., she and Carroll D. Seals were married.

Lillie was a homemaker and loved spending time with her daughters and enjoyed shopping. She had the gift of hospitality. Everyone was always welcome in

her home. She was a member of a cancer support group.

Survivors include her husband, Carroll D. Seals of Cottage Grove, two daughters and their husbands, Vickie and Greg Leathers of Roseville, Calif. and Gayle and Mark McFarland of Cottage Grove, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

Visitation was held Friday, Sept. 11 at Smith-Lund Mills Funeral Chapel. A graveside service was held Saturday, Sept. 12 at Walker Cemetery north of Cottage Grove with a reception following at the Walker Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



BIRTHS

Aug. 27, 2015

To Sophie Foster and Daniel York of Cottage Grove, a son.

Aug. 29, 2015

To Rebecca and Brennan Black of Creswell, a son.

Aug. 30, 2015

To Gina Stockton and Dennis Holweg of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Sept. 3, 2015

To Iona and Robert Hunt of Cottage Grove, a son.

Sept. 6, 2015

To Maria and Marcelino Calmo Pablo of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Sept. 11, 2015

To Amber Quenzer and Tyler Hager of Creswell, a daughter.

Sept. 12, 2015

To Julie and Curt Liebrand of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Welcoming a new addition? Send birth info to: cgnews@cgsentinel.com.

Terrell Stein 1939-2015

Terry Stein, 75, of Molalla, Ore. Passed away Sept. 9, 2015. He was born Dec. 24, 1939 to Perry and Marie (Lownsedale) Stein. On Dec. 31, 1957, he and Ninette Lindsey were married. Terry graduated from Cottage Grove High School with the class of 1957, served in the Navy being honorably discharged in 1961 after serving four years, and attended Oregon State University earning a BS degree in Civil Engineering in 1971.

Terry worked as a draftsman, foreman and project manager in the construction business for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ninette Stein, two children, Savannah Harris and Heather Conley, seven grandchildren, Adam Harris, Sarah Masterson, Ashley Harris, and Nicholas, Ryan, Kyle and Steven Conley, four great-grandchildren, Kayden and Cole Harris and Khloe and Lennox Conley, and a brother David Stein. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral will be held Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. at the LDS Chapel in Molalla, Ore. with burial at Molalla Pioneer Cemetery. View and post memories and condolences on www.facebook.com/MemoriesofTerry2015.



MOVING UP HIGHER with *Joyce Meyer*



I grew up in an angry, unstable home. My father was very angry most of the time, and I didn't always understand what he was angry about. When I accepted Christ as my Savior, I took this experience with my father into my relationship with God. I believed God loved me and forgave me of my sin, but I still had this vague feeling that He wasn't pleased with me and He was just a little bit angry with me most of the time. I lived this way for years until I finally realized the truth: God is not mad at me!

I believe many people feel like God is mad at them. One day I put a post on Facebook that said, "God is not mad at you." Within a few hours, we literally had thousands of positive responses from people saying things like, "That is exactly what I needed to hear today." Obviously, this is a message we need to hear.

Getting to the root of the problem

So where does this concept of God come from? Maybe it's because of an angry parent who was difficult to please. Or maybe it's due to the pain of rejection from parents or friends who didn't know how to give unconditional love. Or it could be the influence of church and being pressured to follow rules and regulations to make us acceptable to God.

We want to be good and please God, and we may be able to follow the rules for a while, but when we mess up, we feel guilty and condemned again. Because we can't be good enough and do everything right in our own effort and strength. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NKJV). Notice this says "while we were still sinners."

Galatians 3:10 (AMP) says, "All who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment." What are you depending on to

make you right with God? Are you depending on rules and regulations that you follow or try to keep?

Now I realize you can't live a healthy, productive life without having some guidelines, but this scripture is saying that we will have serious problems if we think our worth and value as human beings are based on following rules and regulations. We are only made right with God through the blood of Jesus. And life is marvelous when you know the true character of God and who you are in Christ! That's when you feel good about yourself deep down in your heart, not because you do everything right, but because you know you are special to God and He loves you—unconditionally, constantly, completely.

It seems too good to be true... but it is true!



Is God angry?

I do want to be clear about something here: Although God loves us unconditionally, He does get angry at sin, wickedness and evil. But He is not an angry God. God hates sin, but He loves sinners! He will never approve of sin in your life, but He always loves you and wants to work with you to make progress in living a holy life in Christ.

Psalm 103:8 (NKJV) says, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy." God is merciful—that's His character. He's gracious—that means He's good. And God is slow to anger.

People who don't know the true character of God—who don't believe He is merciful, gracious and slow to anger—can never have a close, personal, intimate relationship with Him. It grieves me to think there are so many who live in the darkness of constantly feeling guilty and condemned when God is longing to have relationship with them.

The truth is God created us to have relationship with us. He wants to love us and take care of us, and He wants us to love

Him. That's where our walk with Christ has to start.

We need to be obedient to God and do the good works He has for us to do, but first we need to understand and believe He loves us. Then we can have a relationship with Him and live by faith in Him with the power of the Holy Spirit in us, giving us the ability to live the way God is calling us to live.

I'm so grateful God opened my eyes to the truth! He has taught me to believe by faith that He is pleased with me, not because I do everything right, but because I believe in Him and trust Him. And this is just as true for you as it is for me.

If you struggle with feeling that God is disappointed in you or angry because you don't do everything right, I want to encourage you to take hold of this truth today and believe it: God is not mad at you!

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored 100 books, including Battlefield of the Mind and God Is Not Mad at You (Hachette).

Thelma Isabel Drayer October 23, 1921 – August 2015

My Grandma, Thelma Isabel Drayer, was born to Luther and Unis Arnold on October 23, 1921 in Joplin, Missouri. Thelma was greeted by her two older brothers Tom and Joe. Thelma was a great woman. She was dearly loved by her husband Ray, her four children John, Jim, George and Kristalee, fifteen grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren as well as five unofficially adopted Clark kids, Dave, Billy, Peggy, Donny and Mary and their families. Although she came from simple beginnings, Thelma knew early on that the key to her success was an education; she worked her way through college and had a long and successful career. Thelma's desire for education continued for many years. She graduated from Ashland College and taught school when she was 21 in Central Point, Oregon. She continued taking courses and teaching. Thelma taught in Coquille, Oregon and it was there where she was first introduced to teaching Special Education. Thelma moved to Eugene and attended the University of Oregon; this is where she earned her Master's in Education. Thelma then went on to teach at Willamette High School, her students loved her so much they called her MOM.

Throughout Thelma's adult life she took a multitude of last names including: Clark, Donathan, Johnson, Berg, Sheppard, Nabb and Drayer; all of which she shared fond memories.

A gofundme.com page has been established if you would like to make a donation (gofundme.com/e326ws3z). Also we are selling her life story that she finished just a year ago, a wonderful read.

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