

MOVING UP HIGHER

with

Joyce Meyer



realize He's greater than any situation we will ever encounter. Understanding God's character and incredible love for us allows us to relax and trust Him in every area of our lives.

The Bible says He is Jehovah Jireh, which means "Your Provider" (Genesis 22:14). He's Jehovah Rapha, "Your Healer" (Exodus 15:26), and Jehovah Shalom, "Your Peace" (Judges 6:24).

The Lord is also referred to as Jehovah M'Kaddesh, which means "The Lord who sanctifies us" (Leviticus 20:8). This literally means He is the God who changes us. It's so encouraging to know we don't have to change ourselves, because when we try to change on our own, it only produces frustration and struggle.

Philippians 2:12-13 (AMP) says, "...Work out...your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling.... [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure...."

You see, when you begin a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you. Now you have great things on the inside, but they need to be "worked out" to the outside. We need to learn how to think right, talk right, and treat other people the way we should. And we can only do it through God's strength and help.

As the Holy Spirit begins to bring conviction in different areas of our lives, we become aware of things that need to change. When this happens, the Lord doesn't want us to feel guilty and condemned. He simply wants us to have the attitude that says, "God, I know that You're right and I'm wrong, and I want to

I've found that we can learn so much about the Lord by examining His many names found in the Bible. Each one reveals a unique aspect of His character along with a very specific promise for our lives.

When we get to know God—really know Him—it fills us with hope and confidence because we

change in this area. I trust You to help me change."

The truth is you can actually enjoy your life while God is changing you. You don't have to feel bad because you're not perfect or even worry about trying to change yourself.

I'll be honest: it took me a while to learn this lesson. I remember when the Holy Spirit began convicting me about talking too much. Instead of asking the Lord to change me and relying on His grace and strength, I took matters into my own hands. I decided I was going to fix it. So I went home and didn't say anything at all. As a result, I ended up feeling depressed, and everyone kept asking me what was wrong. Needless to say, it was a frustrating experience!

First Thessalonians 5:24 says, Faithful is He Who is calling you [to Himself] and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it [fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you].

I love this! Out of His great love, God not only shows us what needs to change, but this verse says He will also do it. As we draw closer to the Lord through reading His Word and talking to Him in prayer, He literally transforms us from the inside out and makes us more like Him. Our part is to cooperate with God and do the things He puts in our hearts to do.

For example, years ago when the Lord was teaching me about walking in excellence and integrity, I began feeling convicted about little things like putting my grocery cart away in the store parking lot. During those times, I had a choice. I could either leave the cart out in the middle of nowhere or I could obey God and go the extra mile to put it where it belonged.

The Lord also constantly dealt with me about how I treated my husband, Dave.

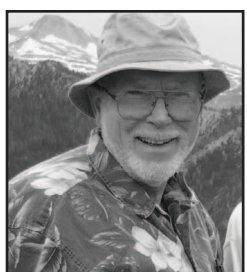
These may seem like small things, but every time you obey God and do what's right—even when it hurts—you grow spiritually and become more like Jesus. And as you represent the character of Christ to the world, people will want what you have and be drawn to you to know more about God.

Friend, the Lord has an amazing plan for your life. He not only desires for you to be with Him in Heaven, but it's also His will for you to have a great life here on Earth! I encourage you to seek God and spend time in His Word. Ask Him to change you and help you become everything He has created you to be.

As you do, the Lord will be faithful to transform you into His image...and help you experience a greater, more fulfilling life than you ever imagined.

IN MEMORIAM

Robin Eichner 1940-2017



On January 24, 2017, our loving father Robin Noel Eichner, 76, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away and went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was born December 15, 1940, in Williamsport, PA to Walter and Katherine (Steers) Eichner. Robin spent his childhood in Honeybrook, PA but moved with his family to California in 1954 where his passion for printing started. He graduated from California State University in 1969 with a Bachelors in Science in Printing Management. In 1981, Robin went on to purchase his own company,

Kenneth Perini 1929-2017



Kenneth Richard Perini, 87, of Cottage Grove passed away at home of natural causes on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017.

He was born Sept. 13, 1929 in Anlauf, Oregon to Bill and Lela (Kelley) Perini.

Kenneth graduated from high school in Drain, Oregon. He served two years in the Army as a radio repairman. He also spent his working years as a logger and operated Perini's Feed & Seed as the store owner.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and farming, and he spent his retirement years enjoying time with friends and family. He was a Shriner and a member of both the Masonic and Elks Lodge.

On June 17, 1956 in Cottage Grove, he and Jerrie Culvey were married. They had 60 years of marriage together.

Emerald Valley Craftsman, and moved his family to Cottage Grove, Oregon. Robin served in the United States Navy from 1966-1968. He earned the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Robin was passionate about motorcycle riding in Oregon's rural backroads. His other hobbies were tending an ornamental backyard garden, listening to classical music, reading and sharing the beauty of Oregon with friends and family. He married Carolyn Eichner on July 25, 1972, in Los Angeles, California. They were married 43 years, raising four children in the northwest, until her passing in 2015. Robin was a dedicated husband and father. He is survived by his children; daughter Nancy Lane of Kennewick, WA; son Steve Eichner of Thornton,

He is survived by his wife, Jerrie Perini, son, Scot (Pam) Perini, daughter, Julie (Keith) Giarrusso, step-sister, Karen McKay (Gary) Wallace of San Antonio, Texas, five grandkids and ten great-grandkids, all of Cottage Grove, two nephews and one niece.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Juanita Hensley, and step-brother, Chuck McKay.

At Kenneth's request, no service will be held. A Celebration of Life is to be held later. Cremation is in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium. Memorial contributions may be made in Kenneth's name to Signature Hospice of Eugene, 2620 River Rd., Suite 300, Eugene, OR 97404.

Vernis "Stokes" Lee Stokesberry

Vernis "Stokes" Lee Stokesberry of Cottage Grove, passed away December 28, 2016 with his loving family by his side at the age of 86. He passed away from health complications. He was born in Farifax, Missouri to William Don and Bernice Marie (Wake) Stokesberry. Vernis always went by "Stokes." He was always there for his family and friends, eager to help any way he could. He was also an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. His greatest joy in his life was his family. Vern married the love of his life Peggy and together they raised three daughters; Sandy Ronan, Debbie Atwood, and Lori Chapman. He leaves behind his daughters and grandchildren; Travis, Shelby, Lindsey, Kimberly, and Jordan; great grandchildren; Isabella, Parker, Snowden, Nevaeh, Brody and Aubrey. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. A celebration of life will be held at the Masonic Lodge #51, Saturday, MArch 4, 2017 at 1pm. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.



Death notice: Patricia Irene Ronan, 78, of Cottage Grove died Feb. 25, 2017. No service is planned. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

CO; daughter Becky Wright of Elkton, OR; daughter Christel Eichner-Brown of Renton, WA; brother Gene Eichner of Camarillo, CA; along with nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. There will be a memorial service for family and friends on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.






Free Hearing Screening

Same Day Appointments Available

1498 E. Main St., CG
www.grantshearing.com 541-942-8444



Funeral & Memorial Planning

Cremation Options

Monuments & Memorials

Cemetery Options

123 South 7th, Cottage Grove, Oregon
541-942-0185 • www.smithlundmills.com

Andreason's

CREMATION

& Burial Services

\$693

"the affordable alternative."

24-HOUR PHONE 485-6659

320 N 6th Street, Springfield www.andreasons.com

Jeanette Thompson
1923-2017

Our beloved mother, Jeanette Laverne Thompson, 93, passed from this life to the next on February 19, 2017 at Grace Manor Senior Living in Eugene due to age-related illnesses.

Jeanette experienced an abundant life. She was born in the 'Roaring '20s on August 23, 1923 in Cottage Grove, Oregon to her parents, John and Adda Trunnell, and grew up on their 40-acre farm near

Latham Elementary school. Jeanette especially enjoyed playing with her younger sister Ella May, but one of her greatest sorrows was the passing of Ella May at age 5 in 1932. Jeanette liked being a softball pitcher at school, was a good student and also enjoyed getting paid to do housework for her grandma Van Nortwick.

Jeanette graduated from Cottage Grove High School shortly before the beginning of World War II and worked as a secretary for Cecil Beck and Pierce Freight Line. She bore three children: Barbara, and twins Jerry and Larry, having married Verl Thompson of Yoncalla in February of 1950. The Thompson family lived for two years on Second Street in Cottage Grove, before moving to their 8-acre country home which was located in front of Jeanette's parents.

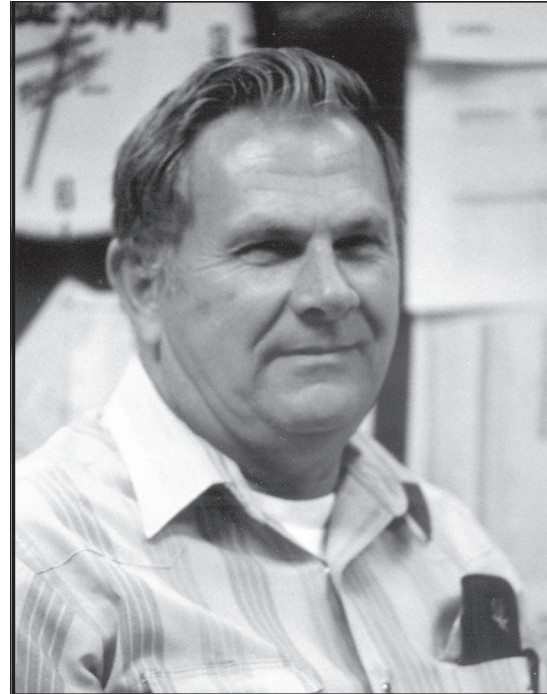
Through Verl's logging business and Jeanette's expertise as a homemaker, the Thompson children experienced financial and emotional security in a home filled with fun, laughter and memorable experiences. Visits to Disneyland and the 1958 Rose Bowl, and family gatherings were just a few highlights. Jeanette was a huge University of Oregon football and basketball fan, and had season tickets for basketball for 45 years (1967-2012). Jeanette was generous in her giving of her time and money to her children, yet frugal in her purchases, taking great joy in finding incredible bargains for her children and grandchildren. She travelled sparingly because she enjoyed the beauty and peaceful atmosphere at home, but her visits to her children and other family members took her to Virginia, Colorado, Texas, and Hawaii.

Jeanette and Verl enjoyed wonderful times with both sides of their family and as well as many fun card parties with couples from the Cottage Grove area. Jeanette's lawn and garden was one of the prides of her life as she spent countless hours weeding, hoeing and taking care of her flowers. Spending fun times with her grandchildren also brought her many moments of joy.

Jeanette will be greatly missed. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Mitchell and son-in-law, Boyd Mitchell of Grand Junction, Colorado, her son Jerry and daughter-in-law Loree of Eugene, son Larry of Springfield, as well as 6 grandchildren: Sherry Turner, Chris Mitchell, Jackie Clement, Mark Mitchell, Jeff Thompson and Heather Apanco. She also had a total of 8 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Verl (1979), her sister, Ella May (1932); and her brothers John Van Trunnell (2002) and Roy Trunnell (2008).

Before her passing Jeanette had the unique distinction of being one of the only persons in America still alive who had talked with a **grandparent** (John W. Trunnell) who fought in the Civil War.

A celebration of life memorial took place on Feb. 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Manor Senior Living in Eugene. There was no graveside service.

Robert Eugene Woods
May 26, 1933 - February 17, 2017

Robert E. Woods "Woody" of La Pine, formerly of Cottage Grove, passed away on February 17, 2017 at the age of 83.

Woody was born May 26, 1933 to Lewis and Ella (Christy) Woods in West Chester, PA.

He was united in marriage to Linda Rhodes on December 31, 1989 in Portland, OR.

On September 7, 1951, Woody enlisted into the United States Navy and after 20 years of service he retired on June 1, 1971, at Great Lakes, IL. He was very proud of his military career and loved to share stories of this time. Some of his duties in the service was a torpedo man, electrician, and teaching of electronics. Woody and Linda enjoyed traveling to reunions of the ships he served on.

Throughout his life, Woody was a skilled electrician working in hospitals, mills, and retiring from the City of Portland as an Electrical Inspector. He loved to help anyone that needed electrical work done!

Woody's favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, and going for drives. His favorite trips he took were to Alaska, pulling the travel trailer around the U.S., and a cruise to the Bahamas. Several hunting trips to Colorado with friends were fond memories for him.

Woody is survived by his wife, Linda Woods of La Pine, OR; daughter Dana Garza (Eddie) of Roseburg, OR; step-son Rick Herron of Cottage Grove, OR; step-daughters Debbie Blackmore (Fiancé Mark) of Eugene, OR and Pam Luettich (Jeff) of Reno, NV; and one sister, Louise Patterson of Madison, NJ.

Surviving grandchildren are: Shawnee, Garak, Presley, and Landru Garza; Madelyn and Isabelle Luettich; Justin Blackmore; and Tori Herron. Three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister Ruth Ann Caudill; and his brothers Lewis H. Woods Jr. and Bubby Woods.

Woody will be greatly missed by all, but we know we will see him again!

Viewing services will be at Baird Memorial Chapel (16468 Finley Butte Rd, La Pine) on March 10, 2017, from 5:00-7:00PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at La Pine Christian Center (52565 Day Rd, La Pine) on March 11, 2017, at 1:00PM. Following the Celebration of Life, full military honors with interment will be held at La Pine Community Cemetery (16855 Reed Rd, La Pine). Please join us afterwards for a potluck at the La Pine American Legion Hall (52565 Drafter Rd, La Pine).

Baird Memorial Chapel is honored to serve Mr. Woods' family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign the online guestbook.