

MOVING UP HIGHER

with *Joyce Meyer*



We all have times in life when it seems like we've hit a dead-end or things aren't turning out the way we hoped or expected. However, I've learned from experience that when we feel stuck, discouraged or disappointed, that's not the time to throw in the towel and give up!

I realize this isn't easy. There have been times in my life when I've felt discouraged and even wondered if I could hold on and keep going to get through the pain to the place of victory.

Through these experiences, I've learned that when you're in the middle of a painful situation, it can often feel like God isn't doing anything about it. But it's vitally important to trust Him during this time, because He is working in your heart to make you more like Christ. And the good news is you will never flunk a test with God because you get as many "do-overs" as you need until you pass!

The truth is, God uses the difficult times in your life to build your faith, develop your character and make you stronger. It helps if you can remember that testimonies come by passing tests. And Jesus says in John 16:33 (AMP): "In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world."

So when you're facing a painful issue or situation, the best advice I can give you is...

- Never give up! Fight the temptation to think there's no way out of your situation. Jesus is the Way (see John 14:6). This is your time to draw close and follow Him.

- Avoid blaming God or thinking He is punishing you for some sin. He is just using the situation to work in your life. And while it may not always feel good, His purpose will always be for your good (see Romans 8:28).

- Do what's right even when you're hurting, when it doesn't feel right or when others treat you badly. Do something good for as many people as you can, as often as you can.

- Don't withdraw and sulk or isolate yourself from others. Remember, you can be pitiful or powerful, but you can't be both! Many times, God may use others to encourage you in this time.

- Keep your word and honor your commitments. This is a character building time and you are being prepared for promotion and greater things.

- Don't stop believing...don't give up hope that God can improve your situation!

Maybe you've heard the story about a donkey that fell into a pit. Upon seeing what had happened, his owner thought about it for a while, then decided the pit was too deep and the donkey was too old, so he would just bury him there.

He called some friends and neighbors to help, and they began to shovel dirt into the pit.

At first the donkey cried out, obviously terrified of his situation. Later, however, his owner noticed that he'd gotten quiet and thought he'd probably already died. But the donkey had not died.

When the owner looked down in the pit, he saw that every time dirt fell on its back, the donkey would shake it off and step on it, packing it down under his hoofs. This continued for hours until, finally, the donkey had packed the dirt enough to lift himself up and out of that pit!

We can learn something from that donkey. Life will throw dirt on us from time to time. It may be in relationships or our finances or health. But this is a time to learn how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. He will show you how to shake off the dirt and step up, giving you glimpses of His glory in each step you take.

There will always be obstacles to overcome. There will always be "issues" to get past. But there will also be do-overs, second chances and new beginnings.

Remember, it's never too late—just don't give up! As you do your part—as you hold on to hope, move forward, and refuse to give up on God—He will be faithful to do what you can't do.

So, if you're in a "pit" and don't know what to do, don't give

up hope. Make a determined decision to trust God through it all because He wants to restore you. He wants to take all of the bad and make something good out of it. In Christ, you can shake off the "tribulation and distress and suffering" and step into the fresh start God has planned for your life!

Robert Baker Bond 1922-2018

Robert Baker Bond passed away on January 5, 2018, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. He was born on May 12, 1922 in Columbus, Kansas to Thomas & Mildred (Ficke) Bond. He and Dorothy Jeane (Edwards) were married on November 2, 1948 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Their daughter, Melinda was born on May 12, 1951.



Bob also known as "Baker," was a veteran of WWII. He was a carpenter and enjoyed many seasons of sharing his skills ministering in Mexico and Peru. He was a member of the Cottage Grove Faith Center.

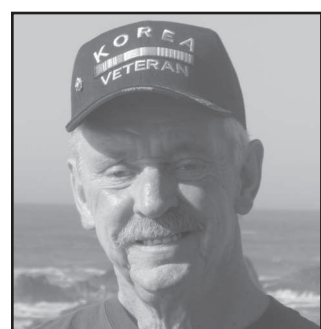
Bob enjoyed fishing out of Baja and Trinidad CA, traveling in Alaska and Mexico, gardening, watching football, and baseball, especially the Chicago Cubs, and "parties" with his family. He thoroughly appreciated living in his home on the bank of Row River for 63 years.

He was known as "Granddad" to all of his family members, which include his wife Dorothy, daughter Melinda her husband Karl, (a very special son-in-law) 2 grandchildren, Kristie (Bobby) Taylor of Dallas OR., Joshua Drew (Sarah Jones) of Cottage Grove and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Jean Phillips of Wyandott, OK.

Bob requested that there was not to be a funeral or memorial service. Arrangements by Musgrove Family Mortuary of Eugene. His Family is so appreciative of the loving care he received from PeaceHealth Hospice and the skilled staff at Coast Fork Nursing Center.

IN MEMORIAM

John Clark 1946-2017



John Clark of Creswell has gone home to be with our heavenly father. He died on Dec 20, 2017 with his wife Susie holding his hand and other loved ones nearby. He was born Oct 17, 1946 to John Benjamin and Doris Jean Clark in Eugene at Sacred Heart Hospital. He was the oldest of 5 children. He grew up in Eugene, went to school in Eugene and graduated from South Eugene High. He proudly served in the US Army from Dec 1964 to Dec 1967. He served 2 years and 29 days in Korea and the rest of his time at Ft Lewis. He married his best friend and love of his life, Susie Hicks, Nov 20, 1971. He was a truck driver for 35 years until 2005 when he was forced to retire due to health reasons. He had a passion for driving nice looking rigs and participated in restoring two trucks.

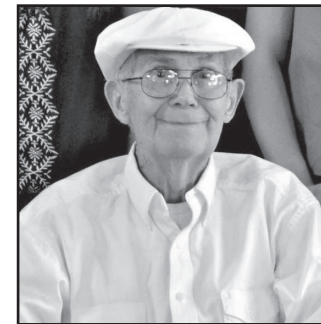
John loved hot rods, classic cars, muscle cars and race cars. He loved going to the races in Cottage Grove on the weekends to watch dirt track racing and watch his nephews race go-carts and stock cars. He had fond memories of when he raced a street stock of his own back in 1985 and won first place in the points championship. He was also a major fan of NASCAR. John loved fishing and hunting and just being outdoors to enjoy nature and beautifying his yards.

He belonged to the Creswell VFW 4039 and enjoyed many volunteer projects, especially serving coffee at the rest area on the south bound side of the freeway between Creswell and Cottage Grove. He loved meeting people from all walks of life. He never met a stranger, he loved everyone and everyone loved him. He was a wonderful husband, brother, brother in law, uncle and friend and is dearly missed.

John was a member of the Creswell Church of Christ at 380 Kings Row, Creswell. That is where his celebration of life will be Sat, Jan 20 at 12 noon.

In Lieu of flowers please consider donating in John's name to the VFW of Creswell 4039, PO Box 807, Creswell, OR 97426.

Benjamin Cline 1925-2017



Benjamin "Bob" Robert Cline, 92 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away December 14, 2017. He was born October 11, 1925, in Wasco, OR to Benjamin and Lydia (Hanneman) Cline. Bob served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Admiralties Islands servicing aircraft. He worked for Bohemia Lumber Co. for 40 years taking leave to serve his military time. Bob enjoyed automobiles, mechanics, small engine repair, dune buggies, bowling, gardening, scrap metal recycling and repurposing. He married Evalyn R. Morris on July 12, 1947, in Vernonia. Bob is survived by son Frank A. (Charlotte) Cline, Springfield, OR, son Rollin R. (Nancy) Cline, Eugene, OR, daughter Janelle G. Cline (Gathel Weston), Portland, OR. He was preceded in death by his spouse Evalyn Cline in March 2012, and brother James "Dewey" Cline. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, on Saturday January 13, 2018, at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

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Terrance Elmer "Terry" Nousen 1940-2018

Terrance Elmer "Terry" Nousen of Marysville, WA passed away January 4, 2018 at the age of 77.

Terrance was the son of Claude and Irene (Atwood) Nousen born May 3, 1940 in Susanville, CA.

Terry moved to Cottage Grove as a child and attended school here, graduating from Cottage Grove High School in 1958. After high school he did construction work with his father in Alaska before joining the Navy, where he served as an electronics technician during the Vietnam era. He married Margaret Elizabeth Land in 1965 in Cottage Grove where they lived for several years before settling in Hillsboro, Oregon. Terry worked at Tektronics for many years as a manufacturing manager. After retiring, he and Margie moved to Yoncalla where he built their dream home which they enjoyed for many years before health concerns prompted a move to Washington to live with their daughter, Gretchen.

Terrance is survived by his wife Margaret Nousen, his son Andrew Nousen (Karen), Corvallis, OR, his daughters Gretchen Nousen, Marysville, WA, and Greta Palmer (Derick), Glennallen, AK, his brother Tim Nousen, Sausalito, CA, and his seven grandchildren Libby, Hannah, Liam, Lily, Lucy, Elkie, and Laurel.

In keeping with Terry's wishes, there will be no service. The family will have a private memorial and scatter his ashes at a later date.



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