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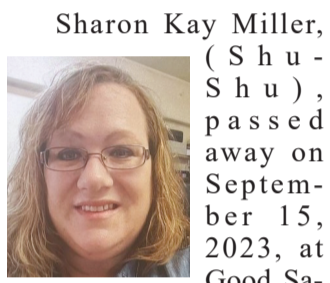
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Obituaries

Sharon Kay Miller



Sharon Kay Miller, (S h u - S h u) , p a s s e d away on September 15, 2023, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon surrounded by many family members and close friends. She was 50 years old. She was born on August 28, 1973, in Hermiston, Oregon to Francis Dewayne Robinson and Marion Lee (Poorman) Robinson. Sharon loved Heppner and was very active in the community. She was a member of the following: Parent Teacher Club, Heppner Community Foundation, and the Willow Creek Baptist Church. She was also a huge supporter and cheerleader for the Heppner schools and sports programs.

Sharon contributed her time and energy to the Heppner Booster Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, as well as many others. Sharon was preceded in death by her father, Francis De-

wayne Robinson, a brother, Thomas Allen Hamman, and her grandparents Frank and Ruth Robinson. Survivors include her husband Ryan Lee Miller, children: Tyler Lee Robinson (Caroline Francis Robinson), and Kooper Fordyce Miller, grandchildren: Olivia RaeAnne Robinson, Ryan Kay Robinson and niece/stepdaughter/exchange student Savannah Poorman, Siblings: Thomas Allen Hammon, Robert Mark Hammon (Andrea), Scott Timothy Poorman, Robert Jason Poorman (Patty), Chadd Norman Robinson, Zachariah Edwar Brown (Ariel) and many nieces and nephews. Sharon's Celebration of Life will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, on October 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. with a dinner to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the club of your choice, to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, OR 97836. Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

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Dan Chase of Heppner Oregon came down from the Mountains September 6th to get married and went back up to shoot this nice bull

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Mary's Catholic Church Wasco



What you like to choose in life

This Sunday we have the parable of the wicked tenants. I am sure you are following the news about the political arena of our nation. It is hard to read today's parable and not think about our nation's financial mess. The parable of the tenants in the vineyard describes very well-greed, reckless ambition, and astounding mismanagement. The parable of the tenants in the vineyard allows us to examine our own lives and how we are carrying out the trust placed on us by Christ Himself at the Sacrament of Baptism. In this parable, Jesus addresses the issue of trust. He tells about a landowner who plants a vineyard and equips it with everything necessary to produce excellent wine. Then - and this is the crucial point - he leases it to tenants. As we shall see, the tenants make a hash of it - and they are brought to judgment.

In the reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us, "Have no anxiety at all." (Phil 4:6) We perhaps smile at those words. When someone says not to worry, it can sound very funny - a person so blindly optimistic that they imagine bad things can never happen. Well, that is hardly the case with Paul. He faced trials few of us could even imagine. A partial list includes an escape involving being lowered over the side of a building in a basket, public whippings, shipwrecks, snake bites, imprisonment, and bodily ailments - particularly, afflictions of the eye. Yet in this letter, written toward the end of his life, Paul, who faced all these troubles in his life, says, "Have no anxiety at all." He had the real experience of walking with Christ.

In his reprimand to cast aside worry, Paul was echoing Jesus. At the Last Supper, knowing fully well that the next morning He would face public humiliation and unspeakable tortures, Jesus told His disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (Jn. 14:1). We can ask how it is possible to obey such a command. And let's be clear. Paul and Jesus are not making a pious suggestion; they are giving a command. Have no anxiety at all. Do not let your hearts be troubled. All of us would like to be free from worries, but it seems impossible. We have financial problems, family difficulties, work deadlines, and health concerns - not to mention worries about what is happening in our world: natural disasters, societal breakdown, wars, economic turmoil, and so on. When Paul says to have no anxieties, when Jesus tells us not to be troubled, it does not mean to ignore reality. What it means is that we take a different approach to our troubles.

The Gospel reading of this Sunday is from Matthew (21:33-43). Through this parable of the wicked tenants, Jesus addresses the issue of trust. He tells about a landowner who plants a vineyard and equips it with everything necessary to produce an excellent crop of grapes. But before the harvest's crucial point, a contract takes place. He leases it to tenants and expects from them a lease agreement including his share. As we see, the tenants make a hash of it. Their greed and unnecessary longing for others' goods ruin their whole lives. Who are the tenants of this parable whom the Lord tries to present before us? They are not just people who lived a long time ago. Nor are they only those given enormous responsibilities - like bank managers and the guys on Wall Street. No, brothers and sisters, the tenants are you and me. Those who are the baptized Christians.

From the parable of the wicked tenants, we can sum up these ideas for our lives. God always loves us unconditionally and even accepts our rejection of Him. God cannot change us unless we choose to let God change us. Sometimes when our lives are a mess, all we can do is ask God, "Help me." That is enough. But when we blame the mess on God and reject God, then God cannot help us unless we have some openness to Him. So, the message of the readings today is very clear: choose God and pray to God with complete confidence. If we reject God, He cannot go against our own free will which He gave us. God's choice is always love! Our choice is up to us.

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