

Comfort

Editor's note: For one year after the death of her husband our mother daily sought comfort from the Scriptures. Below she wrote each day the verse which spoke to her:

March 29 (1998), Psalm 46: 10,11. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

March 30, Isaiah 8, 9. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways My ways declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher then the earth, so are My ways higher then your ways and My thoughts then your thoughts."

March 31, Hebrews 11: 4. "He died, but through his faith he is still speaking."

April 1, Nehemiah 8: 10, "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord will be your strength." (This was the day of Dad's funeral and memorial service in Edmonton.)

April 2, Psalm 71: 14, "But I will hope in Thee continually, and will praise Thee more and more!"

April 3, Psalm 71: 17, 18, "So, even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Thy might to all generations. Thy power and Thy righteousness O God, reach the heavens!"

April 4, Psalm 73: 24, "Thou does guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to Glory."

April 5, Malachi 4: 2, "For you, who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall."

April 6, Malachi 3: 10, "Bring the full tithes in to the storehouse, that there may be food in My house (to do the work in the Church) and there by put Me to the test, says the Lord of host, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you, and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

April 7, Zechariah 10: 1, "Ask for rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, who gives men showers of rain, to every one the vegetation in the field."

April 8, Psalm 75:1, "We give thanks to Thee O God, we give thanks to Thee, we call on Thy name and recount Thy wondrous deeds."

April 9, Habakkuk 3: 17,18, "Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stall, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation."

April 10, " Habakkuk 3: 19, "God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like hinds feet, he makes me tread upon my high places."

April 11, Hymn 349, New Church Hymnal.

“Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night. Lead me on to the Light. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home.”

April 12, Hosea 6: 3, “Let us know, let us press to know the Lord, His going forth is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us as the showers of the spring rains that water the earth.”

April 13, Psalm 42: 5, 6, “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you so disturbed within me? Hope in God for I shall again praise Him, my Savior and my God.”

April 14, Psalm 40: 3, “He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in Him!”

April 15, Psalm 42: 2, “As a deer longs for a flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee O Lord, my soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

April 16, Psalm 42:8, “By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.”

April 17, Psalm 43: 3,2. “ Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to Thy holy hill and thy dwelling! Then I will go to the alter of God, the God of my exceeding joy, and I will praise thee with the lyre O God, my God. For thou art the God in whom I take refuge!”

April 18, Psalm 68: 18,19, “Blessed be the God, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation, our God is a God of salvation. Ascribe power to God, whose Majesty is over Israel, and His power is in the skies.”

April 19, John 1:12, “But to all who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.”

April 20, John 1: 14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; We have beheld His glory, as of the only Son of the Father.”

April 21, John 1:16, “And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace, for the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

April 22, Taken from Psalm 23. “The Lord will always be your Shepherd. He will not let you Want for anything. He will renew your soul and direct your path. Even when you walk through dark days, you can rest in the knowledge that He will be with you. His goodness and His mercy be there always!”

April 23, Psalm 3: 4,5, “I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from His holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me!”

April 24, Psalm 5: 7, “But I, by thy great mercy, through the abundance of thy steadfast love, I will enter thy house and I will worship in thy holy temple. Lead me O Lord, in thy righteousness.”

April 25, Psalm 7: 10, 17. “My shield is in God, who saves the upright in heart. God is a right Judge, I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the

Name of the Lord, the Most High.”

April 26, Psalm 12: 6, “The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.”

April 27, Isaiah 43, 1-3, “Fear not, I have redeemed you. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God.”

April 28, “though clouds of deepest sorrow surround your world today, strength to bear your burden is just a prayer away. Trust in the Masters promise, His love will surely bless; and He will not forsake you, nor leave you comfortless. “(Jack and Ruth Moerman, Blenheim Ont.)

April 29, 2 Corinthians 1: 3, “Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all comfort.”

April 30, Psalm 50: 14, “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High; and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

May 1, Isaiah 54:10, “My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

May 2, Psalm 55: 6,7, “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

May 3, Psalm 55: 11-12, “So shall My word be that shall go forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth in singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”

May 4, “The testimony for Christ that your loved one has left behind, will continue to reach out as a blessing to many other lives, just like it has been to ours.” (Marlowe and Karen, Surrey, BC.)

May 5, Deut. 33: 27, “The Eternal God is my Refuge, and underneath are His everlasting arms.”

May 6, “May you find assurance in His Word, Strength in his presence, Comfort in His mercy, and Peace in His Love. Psalm 29: 11 says, “The Lord will give strength to his people.”

May 7, “O, the deep, deep Love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless, Free! Rolling as a mighty Ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, All around me, is the current of thy love, Leading Onward, leading Homeward, to my glorious Home Above.”

May 8, Psalm 58: 13, “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own way, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord.”

May 9, Psalm 59: 1,2, “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities has made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hid His face from you, so that He does not hear.”

May 10, Isaiah 51: 12, “I, even I, am He that comforts you.” “Night falls, but day dawns to replace it. Grief comes, but time will ease the pain. Life ends, but death cannot erase it. In memory, Love always will remain.”

May 11, “There are days in our lives that seems darker than any day or (night) we have ever walked through. There are pains in our hearts deepest corners, bringing burdens we never knew. But Jesus has given His promise, and for us who are His, it is true.” “Cast your heavy sorrow upon Him, because He knows and He cares for you!”

May 12, Psalm 27: 1, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? Verse 11, 14. Teach me thy way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord!”

May 13, “Love the Lord, all you saints! The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly requites him who acts haughtily. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!”

May 14, John 11: 25-27, “Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes shall never die. Do you believe this? Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, He who is coming into the world.”

May 15, Psalm 32:1, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man (and woman) in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

May 16, Psalm 3: 3-5, “But thou, O Lord, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.”

May 17, Psalm 5: 1, “Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to thee do I pray. O Lord, in the morning thou does hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for thee, and watch. (wait).”

May 18, “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You’ll walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during time of trouble, there is only one set of footprints; I don’t understand why you left me when I needed you the most. The Lord answered: My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you, during your time of trial. When you see only one set of footprints, that’s when I AM carrying you.”

May 19, Ps. 4: 7,8, “Thou has put more joy in my heart than they have, when grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for thou alone O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

May 20, Psalm 32: 7, 8, “Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preserves me from trouble and surrounds me with deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.”

May 21, Psalm 33:18, “Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in famine.”

May 22, Psalm 33: 20-22, “Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Yes, our heart

is glad in Him, because we trust in his holy name. Let thy love, O Lord be upon us.”

May 23, Psalm 34: 1-3. “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the afflicted hear and be glad. O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”

May 24, Psalm 34: 7, “The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good!”

May 25, Psalm 34: 15-18, “The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. When the righteous cry for help. The Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.”

May 26, Psalm 36: 7-9, “How precious is thy steadfast love O God, The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings. They feast on the abundance of thy house, and thou gives them drink from the river of thy delights. For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see Light.”

May 27, 1 Peter 1: 3-5, “By his great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Unto the inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in Heaven for you.”

May 28, “Who by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we rejoice, though for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable, is tested by fire, may bring praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

May 29, 2 Cor. 1: 3,4, “Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. Who comforts us in all our affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

May 30, 2 Corinthians 1: 5, 6, “For as we share abundantly in Christ’s suffering, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort as well. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and Salvation, and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort.”

May 31, Psalm 116: 12,13,15, “What shall I render to the Lord for all His goodness? I will lift up the cup of my salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

June 1, Titus 3: 4-6, “When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not of righteous deeds we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us by the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously, through Jesus Christ.”

June 2, Roman 8: 26, 27, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words, and He who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes according to the will of God.” (When you can’t put your prayer into words, God hears your heart.)

June 3, Deuteronomy 31: 8, “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

June 4, When long and steep the path appears, or heavy is the task. Our Father says: “Press on My child, one step is all I ask.”

June 5, Jeremiah 2: 13, “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of Living water, and they have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water.” We always have to remember that life gives us unlimited opportunities to store up valuable treasures in heaven, let us never forget the Source of all Life, He made us in His image!

June 6, Someone had said: “I have learned much more from the things I had to do, than from the things I chose to do. Duty can be a delight, if seen as a divine opportunity. It is our Fathers will and precious in His sight, that Christians learn to walk, in wisdom, love and light.”

June 7, John 14:12, “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me, will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” Dad wrote in his Bible: “The Father stands ready to do greater things through us than He did through His Son Jesus Christ. Just Believe that He has given that ability!”

June 8, John 14: 21, “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by the Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

June 9, Deut.32: 29, “They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them. If only they were wise and understand this, and discern what their end will be.”

June 10, “O Lord, You’d have us ponder this truth You would have us see, It’s in this life we chart our course for all Eternity.”

June 11, God’s mercy and ours, Luke 6: 27-31. “God’s perfect standard of loving others.” “It is better to give others a piece of your heart (or more,) than a piece of your mind!”

June 12, 2 Samuel 22: 33, “God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect.”

“You may not be the greatest or the strongest. Your presence may not count at all. But when you put your trust in Jesus’ power, He never will let you fall.”

June 13, Luke 24: 50- to 24: 12, “Our own sorrows that seem so final have been changed forever by Jesus’ grave and tomb. It shouts of the Victory He won over sin and death and gives us a living Hope in Him!”

June 14, “May the love of God, family and friends sustain you during this difficult time. We will keep you in our prayers.” Mike and Chris Grant, (Carol’s sister and brother in law. USA)

June 15, The empty cross and the empty tomb provide full salvation. “In the cross of Christ I Glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story, gathers round His head sublime. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all times abide.” HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I glory.

June 16, Proverbs 18: 24, “There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.”

“The kindest friend I’ve ever had, is One I cannot see. Yet One in whom I can confide,
Who loves and blesses me.”

June 17, John 15: 14, Jesus said: “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.”

June 18, Psalm 103:12, “So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him, as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”
“Forever gone the sins Christ bore, His work is so complete.
They will be remembered never more! I worship at His feet.”

June 19, Psalm 103: 1-5, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not one of His benefits. Who forgives all your sins, Who heals all your diseases. Who redeems your life from destruction. Who crowns you with His steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good as long as you live; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s!”

June 20, Psalm 103: 8,9, “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse nor will He keep his anger for ever.”

June 21, Psalm 103: 15,16, “And for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it , and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.”

June 22, Psalm 103: 17, 18, “But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him and His righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments.”

June 23, Psalm 103: 19, 20, “The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you angels, you mighty ones who do His word. Listen to the voice of His word.”

June 24, 2 Corinthians 9: 15, “Thanks be to God for His inexpressible Gift.” “Yes, I know Him as My Savior, for my sins are washed away, and I never cease to praise Him for His truth, through an endless day.”

June 25, Genesis 5: 22, “All the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty five years. Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.” “Let me walk with thee dear Savior; side by side and hand in hand. Keep me clean and pure and faithful, until I reach my Heavenly Land.”

June 26, Jeremiah 33: 2,3 “Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it- the Lord is his Name: Call on me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that you do not know.”

June 27, “Not what I have gotten; but have received. Grace has bestowed it since I believed. Boasting excluded, pride I base. I am only a sinner saved by grace.”

June 28, Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet; they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

June 29, “A little girl lived near the cemetery and walked through it when dark. She was asked if

she was afraid. O no, she answered. Our home is just beyond. "If our faith is in the risen Christ, we too need not to fear death, Our Home is just beyond, as well! "

July 1, "Do you have to go through any rivers, that you think you cannot cross today? Or any mountain you cannot climb? Can't you go through that tunnel you are facing? With our God all things are possible, lean on His Everlasting arms."

July 2, Galatians 2: 20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I that live, but Christ Who lives in me and the life now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

July 3, Galatians 5:22-24, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self- control; against such there is no law."

July 4, Galatians 5: 25, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another and no envy of one another."

July 5, Luke 24: 31, "Their eyes were opened and they Knew Him." "A girl whose Sunday School Teacher had passed away, dreamed about Heaven. She was introduced to Abraham, Paul and David, but not to Jesus, because she Knew Him already."

July 6, "I shall know Him, I shall know Him, as Redeemed by His side I will stand. I shall know Him, I shall know Him; By the print of the nails in His hand." If we know Jesus in this life, you will know Him in the Life here after.

July 7, Psalm 84" 11, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly."

July 8, "Has the dearest in life been torn away? Remember that if you could see from the standpoint of Gods wisdom, and of Eternity, you would be able to dry your tears and praise God for them all. Malachi 4:2, "But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings."
"Sun of my soul my Savior dear; It is not night when thou art near.
O, may no earth born cloud arise, to hide thee from thy servants eyes."

July 9, Psalm 42:8, "By day He commands His steadfast love; and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life." "Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day!" 2 Corinthians 4: 16.

July 10, Ps. 42:8, "By day the Lord commands His steadfast love and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life."

July 11, 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18, "Therefore we do not lose heart, for outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for our eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is Eternal."

July 12, Phil. 3: 20, 21. "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."

July 13, Hebrew 10: 23-25, "Let us hold fast the confession of our Hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

July 14, Is.46: 4, "Even to your old age and gray hairs, I am He, who will sustain you. I have made you, and I will carry you, I will sustain you and I will rescue you."
"Nothing is too small for Him to carry, take your burdens to Jesus.
Nothing is too great, why longer tarry? Take your burdens to Him."

July 15, Philippians 2: 14&15, "Do all things without grumbling or complaining (questioning), that you may be blameless and innocent children of God, without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

July 16, Colossians 3: 17, "And whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Instead of complaining let us always count our blessings and sing; "I will praise Him, I will praise Him! Praise the Lamb for sinners slain; Glory all you people, for His blood can wash away each stain."

July 17, Colossians 3: 4,12, "When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience."

July 18, Ps.31: 1,5,7, "In Thee O Lord, do I seek refuge, into Thy hand I commit my spirit; thou has redeemed me O Lord, faithful God, I will rejoice and be glad for thy steadfast love, Thou has seen my affliction."

July 19, Ps. 3: 19,24, "O how abundant is thy goodness, which Thou has laid up for those who fear Thee, Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all who wait for the Lord!"

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July 23, Ps. 36: 7-9, "How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of Life, in Your light we see Light."

July 24, Ps. 37: 3-7, "Trust in the Lord and do good so and you will dwell in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act."(this was my Dad and Mom's wedding text, April 29, 1914.) "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret."

July 25, Psalm 38 :15, "I wait for you O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God, for I said : Let them not gloat or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips." Let us confess our sins, enjoy the peace of knowing our sins are forgiven and then ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to be victorious over those sins.

July 26, Deuteronomy 29: 29, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things who are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law."

July 27, Ps. 39: 4-7, "Lord, let me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is! (You did already Lord!)

Thou has made my days a few hand breaths, and my lifetime is as nothing in thy side. And now Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in Thee!"

July 28, Ps. 40: 2, 3, "He drew me up from the desolate pit (of grief) and set my feet upon a Rock, making my steps secure. He put a song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."

July 29, Ps. 34: 15, "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry." There never is a night or day when God won't hear us as we pray. There is no time, there is no place when He'll withhold His love and grace!

July 30, Deuteronomy 6: 67, "And these words which I commanded you this day, shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them to your children and shall talk of them when you sit down in your house, when you walk by the way and when you lay down and rise."

July 31, God did not save us because of what we have done, only our great God does for His children, what they could not do for themselves.

Paul says: "For what the law was powerless to do-God did!" Gods delight is received upon surrender, not rewarded upon request. The first step to joy, is a cry (plea) for help. Those who taste Gods presence have declared spiritual bankruptcy. "Cast all your cares on Jesus because He cares for you." For He is waiting in the midst of the storm. (taken from a devotion,1998.)

Aug. 1, "Because of Good Friday, there is Victory for everyone who repents and believes since Jesus paid for us all, on the cross. Our sins are wiped away, buried, forgiven and forgotten."

Aug. 2, "Christ the Lord is risen today, all creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your voice in triumphs high, sing O heaven and earth reply, Alleluia!" Father we praise you for the joy of new life in You. Give us I pray, the courage to face each day and live always in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

Aug. 3, John 20: 17, "Jesus said to her, do not hold me, for I have not ascended to the Father, but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary went and said: (shouted) "I have seen the Lord!"

Aug.4, 1 John 5:11,12, “God gave us Eternal Life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not Life.”

Aug. 5, John 14: 1-3, Jesus said: “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Fathers House are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you will be also.” What a beautiful promise!

Aug. 6, John 14: 6, Jesus said to Thomas: “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by me.”

Aug. 7, Matt.11: 28-30, Jesus said: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Aug. 8, Colossians 3: 1,2 “Set your heart on things above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

Aug. 9, Colossians 1: 1,5,6, “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because of the Hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing.”

Aug.10, Col. 3: 17, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Lord, help us to see that things we do every day are important as well.

Aug.11, Romans 8:11, “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ, will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.”

Aug.12, John 15:5, “I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Aug.13, John 5:7, “If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be given to you.”

Aug.14, John 5:24, Jesus said, “He who hears My word and believes Him who sent me, has eternal Life; he does not come into judgment but has passed from death to Life.” Dad had wanted written these last seven words on his gravestone. He entered his Eternal Home on March 28, 1998.

Aug. 15, John 5:25, “The hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear, will live.” (Dad used this text at the funeral of Kris Krabbe in Mayerthorpe AB. Oct. 1975.)

Aug. 16, John 5: 28, 29, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of Life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgement.”

Aug. 17, John 15:16, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit. And that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

Aug.18, John 15: 26, “But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to me and you also are witnesses.”

Aug.19, John 6:27, “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food that endures to Eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for on Him has God the Father set His seal of approval.”

Aug. 20, John 6: 28, 29, “What must we do, to do the works God requires? Jesus answered, The work of God is: to believe in the one He has sent.”

Aug.21, John 6: 32-35, “My Father gives you the true bread of heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus said: I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst.”

Aug.22, John 6:40, “For this is the will of my Father that every one who sees the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Aug.23, Rev.21: 1,2, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Aug.24, Rev.21: 3,4, “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.”

Aug.25, “When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks Eternal, bright and fair,
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there!”

On that bright and cloudless morning,
When the dead in Christ shall rise.
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When the chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.

Let us labor for the Master, from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there!

Refrain: When the roll is called up yonder (four times) I’ll be there!”

HYMN: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder.

(I have decided to continue to write the text and personal messages from the cards I have received after my husband and your Dad went to his Home in Heaven.)

Aug. 26, "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret place of his tabernacle shall He hide me." Psalm 27 : 5 (Van Esvelds.)

Aug. 27, "Casting all your burdens upon Him; for He cares for you" 1 Peter 5: 7)

Aug. 28, "For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow." Jeremiah 31:13.

Aug. 29, "The Lord is your keeper: The Lord is your shade upon your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and for evermore!" Psalm 121.

My Father closed our wedding celebration with reading this Psalm and a prayer of blessing on our "going out" to Canada. We were deeply moved by what he did and said.

Aug. 30, "May the care and compassion of friends and family carry you through this time of sadness. And may the Lord, who was no stranger to sorrow, give you the strength and comfort as He alone can give. God bless you and keep you."(Neerlandia friends.)

Aug.31, "His compassion fails not. They are new every morning: great is His faithfulness. May God's faithfulness lead you to peace and dry your tears, for His Eternal love is with you now and for ever." (Classmate and neighbor of Dads in Holland, Mich.)

Sept. 1, "So faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13." Love is not love until you give it away!

Sept.2, "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude." 1 Corinthians 13: 4 and 5.

Sept. 3, " In thee O Lord, do I put my trust." Psalm 31:1. May God comfort you during this during this time of sorrow. (friends from Chatham, Ont.)

Sept. 4, "Trust in Him at all times you people, pour out your heart before Him ; God is a refuge for us." In the darkest hour, In the deepest sorrow, God's arms are open; He is our Refuge and strength. (Don Steensma from Chatham, Ont.)

Sept. 5, "Jesus said unto her, I am the Resurrection and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. May it be a comfort to you to know that death is not an ending but a beautiful beginning in a Eternity with Jesus. (friends from Mayerthorpe, Tony and Jarl.)

Sept. 6, "God is the arm that protects, the help that assures, the wisdom that guides and the Love that endures. May God, Who knows your every need and hears your every prayer, watch over you, and bless you with His loving smile." (Mike and Marie Statnyk, Mayerthorpe.)

Sept. 7, “The Lord will be your Shepherd, You shall not want. He will let you rest in green pastures and He will lead you beside quiet waters. He will restore your soul. Even when you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, He will be there to comfort you. Psalm 23: 1-4. (Pastor John and Joan Drost, Kitchener Ont.) (John was boarding with us in Holland Mich. in 1955 and 1956.)

Sept. 8, “In keeping with His promise we are looking to a new heaven and a new earth, a home of righteousness.” As you hold special memories of John who has gone on to be with Jesus, like a treasure in your heart, may you be thankful for the time you had together. May you embrace God’s promise of a home of righteousness – an Eternal home who are in Him will be reunited in His love. (Pastor Art and Martha Van der Meulen, London, Ont.)

Sept. 9, “ The Lord will walk beside you through these days of sorrow, just as He has walked with you in days of joy. May you find renewed hope and strength in His love and comfort in the thoughts and prayers of those who care about you.” (Mr. and Mrs. R.Weurding, Michigan USA.)

Sept. 10, “He will not fail you, nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31: 6. Your faith in Him will provide for you. “The past can’t be changed but the future is still in your hands.” (John and Ina Van Leeuwen and family, Stony Plain, AB.)
Your gift of the angel, blowing the trumpet, has more value to me then I can express. I will always remember that I was hanging your gift in place right under the cross of Jesus, during the time that the trumpet blew for my husband to come Home.

Sept. 11, “Fear not: for I have redeemed you. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God. Isaiah 43: 1-3. Thou art my hiding place, Thou shall preserve me from trouble.” Psalm 32: 7. (Tine Fokema, Edmonton, AB.)

Sept. 12, “May the knowledge that others love and pray for you, help ease the pain of your loss.” Pastor John made the world a better place.(Mrs. Renzenbrink, Edmonton. AB)

Sept. 13, “Thou wilt keep him (her) in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.” Isaiah 26: 3. We have thanked God over and over for the opportunity He gave Greg and I to be able to spend such precious time with you and Opa at Cremona. That last memory will never, ever be forgotten. (Rebekah and Greg Earle.)

Sept. 14, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1. There is a blessing beyond all the sadness and tears which helps us our grief to bear. It’s the comfort of knowing our loved ones still live safe at Home, in His wonderful care. (Gerrit and Rickie Warmink from Monarch, AB.)

Sept. 15, “As you go through life’s greatest sorrow- The loss of someone you love- may your own faith in God sustain you- bringing you comfort today and courage for tomorrow and hope in your heart.” Your husband remains in our memory as a wonderful servant of Christ, and a great example of a Christian leader. Our sense of loss of pastor John is like that of a family member.” (Pastor Ron and Melanie Opmeer, Athabasca AB.)

Sept. 16, “But I do not want you to be ignorant brothers, concerning them which are asleep, that you are not sorrowing as those who have no Hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, God will bring them with Him.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. (Mrs Jetty Jans, member of Emmanuel Church in the sixties.)

Sept. 17, "He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul..." Psalm 23: 2,3.
Pastor John was a blessing and inspiration to both of us. We will miss him dearly, our love and prayers are with you. "One life touched so many, one heart reached out in countless ways."
(Linda and Peter Piasetsky, Edmonton, AB.)

Sept. 18, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid.
For the Lord your God, He it is who goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you." Deut.
31:6
May the Lord draw very close to you, and make His presence very real as you travel through this sad time. (Sheila and Tony Pater, Edmonton, AB.)

Sept. 19, A prayer that God will comfort you with His love.
And may He strengthen your belief, help and guide you through this time of grief.
(Pastor Walter and Vanessa Opmeer, Emmanuel Community Church in Edmonton, AB.)

Sept. 20, "The Lord is my Shepherd " May the promise in the scriptures be your Hope today, your peace tomorrow and your comfort always.
(Pastor Will and Henny Kroon, Missasagua, Ontario.)

Sept. 21, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5: 4.
It's difficult at such a time to know what words to say, but may God be with you always sustaining you and yours, day by day.
(Daren and Sandy Webb & family.)

Sept. 22, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me besides the still waters. He restores my soul." Psalm 23: 1-3
We praise the Lord that Pastor John has made such a great impact on our lives. Well done good and faithful servant. It is our prayer that our Great Care Giver, may lead and comfort you along the way. Thanks be to God, may His peace be with you. (H. and J. Woelinga, Edmonton.)

Sept. 23, "When I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a Light to me."
Micah 7: 8. And now the face of Christ is seen, heaven shines all around. Death, it is not the end but a new and glorious beginning. (Bill and Mieke Spaans and family, St. Albert)

Sept. 24, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders, the sins that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us." Hebrew 12:1.
The testimony for Christ that your loved one has left behind will continue to reach out as a blessing to many other lives, just as it has been to us. (Leah and Wayne Prins, Edmonton AB)

Sept. 25, "Blessed is he who's hope is in the Lord his (her) God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, the Lord who remains faithful for ever." Psalm 146: 5,6. As you go through life's greatest sorrow- the loss of someone you love- may your own faith in God sustain you, bringing you comfort today and courage and hope in your heart always. (your friend, Esther, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Sept. 26, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." John 14:18.
Because He walked among us as a man, Jesus understands how much it hurts to lose someone you love. And because He's always with us as our Lord and our Comforter, He has the power to touch our hearts and to help us bear our sorrow. (Mrs. Tannis Wirsta, Edmonton AB.)

Sept. 27, To encourage you. Jesus is the Light to shine upon your path. The Way to guide your steps. The Truth to fill your mind. The Life that gives you purpose! "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10.
May Jesus fill your day with His joy. (Case and Grace Muilwijk, Edmonton AB.)

Sept. 28, "There's an open gate at the end of the road. Through which each must go alone
And there is a light we cannot see, Our Father claims his own. Beyond that gate
your loved one found happiness and rest. And there is comfort in the thought that our loving Lord
knows best. May God give you the strength and faith to say that He indeed knows best."
(Rick and Geertje Timmer, Hennie, Richard and family)

Sept. 29, "May wonderful memories comfort you in this time of sorrow and may the
Love of God and the love of your family and friends, fill your heart with hope to
brighten each tomorrow. Our prayers are with you." Art and Janna Van Sloten, Edmonton AB.)

Sept. 30, "Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on, And cherished memories never
fade because a loved one is gone... Those we love can never be more
then a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they live in the heart. God bless you."
(Mrs. Gladys Spedding, Mayerthorpe)

We worked together in the church all morning, on the day that Dad left us and talked much
about the time when her husband died, after a couple years of suffering.

Oct. 1, "For I will turn your mourning into joy, and will comfort you and make you
rejoice in your sorrow. Jeremiah 31 : 13."
(Ed and Marlyn Mol, St. Albert. AB)

Oct. 2, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have
been born anew to a living hope from the dead and to an inheritance through the
resurrection of which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
who by Gods power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time." 1 Peter 1: 3-5.

Oct. 3, "We were truly shocked to hear of Pastor Moerman's death. I was writing a thank you
note to you for his willingness to talk to Ted and I, while you were here for the
Classis Meeting. You both were a source of strength, comfort and encouragement to us. May the
promise of Eternal Life be a comfort to you all, in the loss of one so dear to you and yours."
(Sincerely, the Ted Smedes Family, Calgary AB.)

Oct. 4, "May the light of God's love bring you comfort in your sorrow."
(Robert and Nellie Nagtegaal-Pronk. Edmonton AB.)

Oct. 5, "Jeremiah 31:13. For I will turn your mourning into joy and will comfort you
and make you rejoice from your sorrow." (Albert and Betty Tiemstra, Barrhead AB.)

Oct. 6, "May the memories of the one who was so close to you, always remain in
your heart." With deepest sympathy, Simon and Nell Pronk, Edmonton Beach, AB.

Oct. 7, " Flowers and grass fade away, but what our God has said will never change"
Isaiah 40: 8. We are sharing in your sorrow. In the relatively short time we knew Pastor John,
we loved him and respected him and you as well, Corrie. You two were a godly team.

Our prayers are with you and yours. Bert and Lois Cooper, Edmonton AB.

Oct. 8, "Fear not: for I have redeemed you... When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. For I am the Lord your God." Isaiah 43: 1-3. "You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble." Psalm 32: 7. Praying God for comfort and strength.
(Gary and LaVerne Huising, Edmonton, Alta.)

Oct. 9, "Every time I think of you, I thank my God." Philippians 1:3. We share your sorrow and we want you to know, that we love you and you are being lifted up in our prayers. May God fill you with His strength and His grace and surround you with His peace and love.
(Aart, Wendy and Diane Van Leeuwen, Edmonton AB.)

Oct. 10, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today, are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children, talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, and you shall bind them as sign on you hands and bind them on your foreheads. And on the door frames of your gates." Deuteronomy. 6: 5-8.
Today I heard a sermon from the "People Church" in Toronto, where nine children were dedicated to the Lord. The pastor spoke to the parents and went step by step through several chapters of Deuteronomy. His main point was to communicate at all times with our children, the Word of God.
"Facts are taught and learned in school by the children, but wisdom comes from the parents."

Deuteronomy 12: 28 says to the parents "be careful to obey all these regulations I am giving to you, so that it always goes well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is good and right in the eyes of the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 5: 29 and chapter 12: 25 give the same promises that it will be well with them, if they obey. It gave me much to think, and I am evaluating my own life in that respect. I am doing this more and more the last years.

When you stand in full life it seems to me that there was so little time for these things. I have often longed for more time to sit down and talk about these most important things. We have been blessed with ten years of life that we could make up for the "too busy times" and we did talk a lot and I enjoyed it more then I can express. But we always long for more when the opportunity has left us and I am sure that all who out live your life partners will agree.

Suddenly or even if you were prepared for it. All I can say is take as much time as you have to talk together and to your children, so that they remember what you have taught them. It are the memories of our youth and our whole life, we live on, especially as we grow older. And it is the Way of the Lord, which our parents have lived and shown us, that will keep its value into Eternity!

Oct.11, "It's a comfort to know that you are in the most loving and caring Hands of all."
Thank you for being such a blessing in our lives. You will always be very dear to us and in our hearts forever. We will pray for God's blessings and protection wherever you go.
(Kevin, Brenda and Rachel Vos, Sherwood Park, AB.)

Oct.12, "May it comfort you, to know that your loved one is Home with Jesus, resting in His arms in everlasting Peace." (Peter and Alida Bakker, Stony Plain, AB.)

October 13, "May the memories of your love return each day to bring you comfort."
I will dearly miss your husband, John and can only imagine the depth of your loss. May God bless and sustain you in your sorrow. (Pastor Randy Opmeer, Vancouver, BC)

Oct. 14, "For every burden, there is relief, a joy for every sorrow, for every trouble that we face, there is new Hope for tomorrow."

(Rene and Alice Commender, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Oct. 15, Your husband will be dearly missed. Our heartfelt sympathy with the loss of your husband, Father and Grandfather. (Eileen and Bill Kos, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Oct. 16, "There is a door that never close", this poem will be written later, We all need to read and contemplate on that open Door which leads to our Redeemer, who is our Mighty God, Master and our Healer. He alone brings Hope and comfort. With our prayers, (Brad and Rosalind Karadimas, Victoria, BC)

Oct. 17, "After this, I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no One could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the Throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding Palm branches in their hands. And they cried in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb'. All the angels where standing around the Throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and and wisdom and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Rev. 7: 9-12." What a future we have! (Pastor Tom and Corrie Stiel, Edmonton, AB.)

Oct. 18, "God does not always answer Yes, to every prayer I pray. Sometimes He answers, No my child, I have a better way."

(Elderly friends from Mayerthorpe, AB. Helen and Victor Johnson.)

Oct. 19, "Blessed is he who's hope is in the Lord his (her) God, the Maker of Heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. The Lord, remains faithful forever." Psalm 145: 5. We loved John and we will miss him very much. May God comfort you and your family with His Peace. (Albert, Janet and Edward, Mayerthorpe, Alberta.)

Oct. 20, "Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part.

To help us feel we are with them still and soothe the grieving heart, our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind. They build a special bridge of love and brings us peace of mind." (Russel and Vickie Slaboda, Darwell AB.)

Oct. 21, "The Lord will always be your Shepherd. He will not let you want for anything. He will renew your soul and direct your path. Even when you walk through dark days, you can rest in the knowledge that He will be with you. His goodness and His mercy will be there for you always." You can take comfort knowing he has gone to his Eternal Home to be with his Lord, whom he served so faithfully. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. (Dick and Eleanor Hofman, Lethbridge, AB.)

Oct. 22, "Memories of someone who brought so much meaning to your life will grow richer with the passing of time, and these memories keep your loved one near in your heart forever." (Bill and Caye Watson, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Oct. 23, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 Until the day we see the Lord and He makes all things clear, we must find comfort knowing that His love is ever near. (Pastor John and Liesbeth Hoekstra, Ontario)

Oct. 24, Your husband has finished his work on earth. I am proud of him because his sermon had “fire” in it. Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Mabel Atmed and family, unknown address)

Oct. 25, “May it be a source of inner strength and a special comfort too, to know that there is a loving God who’s watching over you. And that through out this time of need, He’ll stay close at your side. To help to ease your sorrow and to be your Friend and Guide.”
We have special memories of Pastor Moerman that will always keep him alive in our hearts, until we meet again. Our thought and prayers are with you.
(Tim and Yvonne Johnson and children, Alberta.)

Oct.26, “Thou art my hiding place; Thou shall preserve me from trouble.” Psalm 32:7.
This is my sincere prayer for you my dear sister, that the Lord will sustain and strengthen you through the painful days, weeks and months. I’ll remember you and your family in my prayers. (Jurina Kukke, a widow from Barrhead or Westlock?)

Oct. 27, “May the love of God give you peace and comfort, May the love of your dear one remain in your heart, and give you strength through the days ahead. Our prayers are with you all.”
(George and Alberta Heidema from Surrey, BC.)

Oct. 28, Our Lord is not a stranger to sorrow, He sees the pain of your hearts. He knows that you are missing your husband and father of the children but He will cover you and keep you and bring to mind beautiful memories of the one who loved you so much, as he has shared his life with you. “In the multitude of thoughts within me, Thy comfort delight my soul.” Psalm 94:19. (Hank and Deanna van Soest, Jr. Edmonton, AB.)

Oct. 29, “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:18.
This is a letter from my nurse from the chelation clinic in Edmonton, where we went together twice a week the last winter.”
“I feel very blessed to have been able to get to know you and Pastor Moerman. The both of you had an incredible impact on my life and I will never forget it.
I grew to love you and I am going to miss your visits.
I have never experienced anything like Mr. Moerman’s “Going Home Service”.
The presence of the Lord was so beautiful, what a testimony to God’s greatness!
I was especially blessed by all your children and grandchildren, their faith that’s been passed down to them. I’ll miss you but I know that you’ll be well taken care of by them.
Our love and prayers are with you.” (Brad and Maggie Lechhart, Edmonton, AB.)

Oct. 30, “Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you.” Psalm 50:15 May it be a consolation to know that others care, with deep sympathy we remember you in prayer.
(Helen and Andy De Hek, Edmonton, AB)

Oct. 31, “May you be comforted that we are all praying for you. My heartfelt sympathy and my prayers in love.” (Mrs. F. Van Westenbrugge, Bethel Reformed Church, Monarch, Alberta.)

Nov. 1, “...For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.” Jeremiah 31: 13. (Gus and Donna Petter, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Nov. 2, "Friends are special caring people who know how to brighten a day with heart warming smiles and a gentle words and a helping hand to lend. They are people that others feel blessed to know." You and John have been such an integral part of our church, involved in every aspect, from the Board to kids club, clothing exchange, Christmas hampers, leading Services and visiting the Senior Homes. You have blessed us by your consistent example. We love you and miss you greatly. (Pastor and Ruth Lotholtz their family s Church in Mayerthorpe, AB. At my farewell on July 6, 1998.)

Nov. 3, "God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you!" Hebrews 13:5. Your loved one was a very special person. My life was enriched by knowing him as a friend and a brother in Christ. You are in our prayers.
(Pastor Chester and Mrs. Jackie Droog, Seal Beach, California USA)

Nov. 4, "Thinking of you and sincerely hoping that time and warm memories is helping to ease your sadness. I received a most kind letter from your husband when Jim died on March 5, 1998. Faith, family and friends are such a consolation to both of us in our time of loneliness. May God keep you near Him. I am so happy that you visited us in 1996."
(Mrs. Mona Mc.Guigan, Cedar Springs, Ontario) Dad has worked for Jim for a couple of years and always with pleasure. We have kept contact ever since.

Nov. 5, "The peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 7. In our saddest hours it helps us to remember this precious promise of the Lord above –to everything ...a season, for everything ... a reason, for everyone ...His gentle , healing love. (Andrew and Debby Moerman, Texas)

Nov. 6, "The Name of the God of Jacob defend you; send you help and strengthen you. Psalm 20:1,2.
(Mrs. Postma, former member of Emmanuel Church, Edmonton, AB.)

Nov. 7, "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. May you experience Gods nearness and presence each day. (Pastor Corstian and Alice Klein, Lynden, Wash.USA.

Nov.8, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid...For the Lord our God, He it is that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31: 6.
We were shocked and sorry to hear of John's passing, then we rejoiced for his Resurrection healing! (Pastor David and Vera Cline, White Rock, BC.)

Nov. 9, "The Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy May the Lord wrap His arms around your heart and fill you with His tender compassion and love during this difficult time. (The Waning Family from ?)

Nov. 10, "Our sympathy with the loss of your dear husband. We met you in Holland, Mich. My parents, Dad and Mom Maassen held you and John in such high Regards. God bless you. (Pastor Del and Frieda Vander Haar. Lynden, Wash. USA.)

Nov.11, "With thoughts and prayers of sympathy, to hope that God above, brings you peace and understanding through the comfort of God's love."
(Dick and Lena Van Atte, St. Catherine's, Ontario.)

Nov. 12, "I have come that they have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10: 10. Jesus is the One who satisfies. He is the Living Water, who quenches the thirst of

the soul... The Bread of Life who feeds the hunger of the spirit... The Lord of Love who fills the longing of the heart. He meets our deepest desires, fulfills our highest goals and supplies our greatest Joys! (Pastor Harris and Jane Verkaik. Classmate of Dad, Mich. USA.)

Nov.13, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5: 4.
Please receive my condolences at the sudden passing of your dear husband. I know so well what you are going through! It is my prayer that the Lord will strengthen and comfort you.
(Affectionately, Mrs. Ena Jonker, New Life Church, Burnaby, BC.)

Nov.14, "The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces." Isaiah 25: 8.
I pray that the Lord be very near to you all. (Mrs. Jane Brouwer, Picture Butte, AB.)

Nov 15, "He will surely be gracious to you at the sounds of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you." Isaiah 30: 19. (A dear friend from Holland Mich. Mrs. Analene Raak.)

Nov.16, "I will never leave nor forsake you." Hebrew 13: 5. We will pray and Trust that the Lord will be with you in this difficult time. "Greater is He who is in you, then he who is in the world." (Pastor John and Dawn Kaptein and family, Vancouver, BC.)

Nov.17, "Blessed is he who's Hope is in the Lord your God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them -- the Lord, who remains faithful forever." Ps. 146:5,6.
May the Lord of all comfort, sustain and support you. (Ted and Elsie Dykstra, Edmonton.)

Nov.18, "To be absent from the body, and to be present with Lord;" 2 Corinthians 5: 8.
May your heart find comfort in this time of loss and may God direct you in His new purposes for your life. We pray that God will be very near you and give you contentment of the many years you and John have spent in His work. (Pastor Jake and Arlene Dykstra, Alsip, IL.USA.)

Nov. 19, "May God give you, His comfort, His strength and His Peace.
(Pastor Sam and Shirley Vander Schaaf. Kingsville, Ontario)

Nov. 20, "We pray that you all receive the strength of our Lord God and His blessings."
(Gary and Mary Poot and Family, Winsordowns, NSW, Australia, son of my sister.)

Nov. 21, "I am He that comfort you." Isaiah 51:12. May you know the fullness of His love through all the days to follow. We pray for you and the family." (Len and Joanne Smid)

Nov. 22, "John will be missed in our community for his forthright views and Christian example. He was a true Christian in action. Our thoughts and prayers go with you at this sad time. You are not alone today nor will you be tomorrow. For warmest thoughts of those who care are with you in your sorrow." (Fred and Edith Trudzik, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Nov. 23, "I even I, am He that comfort you: and I have put my words in your mouth, And I have covered you in the shadow of my hand." Isaiah 51: 12, 16. As your friends in Christ, we are supporting you in prayer, asking God, the God of all comfort, to surround you with His Love and Peace. (Alen and Rinie Van Dokkenburg, Abbotsford, BC.)

Nov. 24, "And this is the record, that God has given us Eternal life." 1 John 5:11.
For God has given peace and joy evermore...Promises of God to His children in a life lived by faith...and in death, assurance of His presence. (Hank and Annie Schalk, Blenheim, Ont.)

Nov. 25, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23.
May God grant you the strength and courage to endure the pain you are feeling now. And may His compassion comfort you during this time of sorrow. (G. and W. Dozeman, Nanton, AB.)

Nov. 26, "Even in this difficult time you were thinking of us. We appreciate this very much. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you." (Martin and Hennie Vanden Brink, Edmonton)

Nov. 27, "May His promise of Eternal Life be a comfort to you in the loss of one so dear to you. Your husband was the most godly man I have known. My prayers are with you."
(Mrs. Ingrid Vander Vinne, Surrey, BC)

Nov. 28, "The Lord your God is with you...He will quiet you with His Love." Zephaniah 3: 17. The best of marriages hold years and years of good memories the two of you shared. So much more than just a home...you shared your love...your hopes and dreams... your lives in Christ. May you cherish those years and be blessed by the well of wonderful memories God has given you. (David and Colleen Kearns, Surrey, BC)

Nov. 29, "We are aware that John's sudden death must leave a great hole in your life because of his giving nature he will be greatly missed. Be assured of our prayers for you and yours. May our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with His peace and continue to supply you in all your needs."
(Pastor Roeland and Jean Hartmans, Ontario.)

Nov. 30, "The Lord is your keeper: The Lord is your shade upon your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord preserve you from all evil: He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121. (Adrian and Joanne Borst, Westlock AB.)

Dec. 1, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."
Revelation 21:4. Love in Christ, (Dien Bos, St. Albert, AB.)

Dec.2, Psalm 23, We pray that God who comforts us in times of loss and distress will give you and your loved ones His peace, strength, Joy and comfort. May all Gods richest blessings be yours. (Pastor Marco and Florence Konynenburg, Vancouver Island, BC.)

Dec. 3, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you." Psalm 50: 15. May it be a consolation to know that others care. And with deep sympathy I remember you in prayer.
(George and Mary Jane Suntjens and Sibert Suntjens, Sangudo, AB.)

Dec. 4, Psalm 23: In this difficult time, may God bless you with the peace of His presence and of His love. With prayers from your friends in the Mayerthorpe United Church. (Shirley Rynalds.)

Dec, 5, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14: 18. It means so much when sorrow comes to know we are not alone. That He who bore the greatest cross, and will help us bear our own. (Jack and Ruth Moerman & family, Blenheim, Ontario.)

Dec. 6, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him." Psalm 145: 18.
Isaiah 41: 9 and 10 were especially speaking to my heart when my husband Bill died.
"You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you,

be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My victorious right hand.” (Mrs. Judy Estell, Taiwan, Bill was Dad’s friend in Seminary.)

Dec.7, “The Lord be with you and give you strength in this difficult time of grief.”
(Mr. Job Dekker, Emmanuel Church, Edmonton AB.)

Dec. 8, I like to keep a verse on our fridge to ponder on, during the week. A couple of months ago John had given me this one and now I like to pass it on to you, 2 Chronicles 16: 9.
“For the eyes of the Lord range through out the earth, to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.” When I first came to Church, I told myself to turn around if no one was on the steps. But John and you were standing there to welcome me in the church family, and I found Jesus. (Two years later Allan committed his life to Christ as well) My family and I will miss you and Grandpa John, terribly. Our children and Allan and I are praying for you, Grandma Corrie. (Prayerfully and tearfully yours, Allan, Linda, Wacey and Ryley Rizzoli, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Dec. 9, “God is...the arm that protect, the help that assures, the wisdom that guides, and love that endures. May God comfort you and bless you with His love, peace and strength.”
(John and Joyce Chandler, Calgary AB.)

Dec.10, “The Lord will never leave nor forsake us, He promised He’d be with us through it all. It often seemed He’s walking right beside us, as He guides us through our problems, large and small. But there are times we just can’t feel His presence, when the road is so rough we need Him all the more. We wonder why we’re so alone and helpless, why His hand is not there to lead us as before...But if we listen quietly, He’ll tell us ‘take a moment and remember what I said: If you fail to see me walking right beside you, it’s because I have you in my arms instead’...For together, we will cross the highest mountain, together we will face the stormy sea. You never are alone, you never are helpless! I’ll carry you-let go and lean on Me.’
We were so looking forward to seeing you and Uncle John, but God had bigger and better plans, which someday we too will understand. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
(Ralph and Anne Postma and family, Mount Bridges, Ontario.)

Dec.11, “May God ease your hour of sorrow, and surround you with His love, And may it bring you strength to know our Fathers house above is a house of many mansions. Where His Son has set aside special places near Him, for his loved ones to abide.” With heart felt sorrow at this time of your loss. (Jane Vander Hoek, recent widow of Fred in 1997, Emmanuel Church, Edmonton, AB.)

Dec. 12, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14: 27. May His promises comfort and sustain you...
May His steadfast love be your strength and hope. (Nellie and Cees Ravensbergen, Quebec

Dec. 13, 1 Peter 3:12, “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers.” It has been such a privilege to know Pastor Moerman as pastor, friend and teacher. I share your sadness in losing him. (Mrs. Maybelle Conrad, Sangudo, AB.)

Dec.14, “Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With love from”
(Calgary Reformed Church Ladies Guild, Calgary AB.)

Dec.15, “And this is the record, that God has given to us Eternal Life.” 1 John 5:11.
Praying that God will be your comfort in this time of sadness. (Mrs. Bok, Edmonton, AB.)

Dec. 16, "First of all, may God continue to comfort you after the loss of your husband and father. What a wonderful tribute your family wrote for the Church Herald! Surely John's life was well lived. He must have been a blessing to all who knew him. I met you many years ago when my father in law was the pastor in Chatham, Ont. Since then, I was interested in the news I read about your family and others in Canada. May the Lord continue to bless your family.
(Sincerely, Edith Maassen, (I was married to Pierce Maassen, who died in 1967.)

Dec.17, As I came to this date, it was Thanksgiving Day, 2002.
"O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among His people! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him and tell of all His wonderful works! Glory to His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the Lord, rejoice! 1 Chronicles 16: 8."

Dec. 18, "Expressing heartfelt sympathy in the loss that you must bear. May you find comfort in Jesus and others who care. We were shocked and saddened to read in the paper that John was gone. It was a privilege to have spent recently time with both of you. Our lives are richer for it." (Clarence and Phyllis Ernst, Darwell AB.)
We had bought a few cows from them. That was our only contact as far as I know until March. Then they came to see us for a few hours, to find answers to their questions (what to believe and to which church to go etc.) They were confused with Mormons and the J.W. and others. I still have contact and sent devotionals, which they love to read.

Dec.19, "For every burden, there's relief, a joy for every sorrow, For every trouble that we face, there's New Hope for tomorrow." May the Lord surround you with His love and wrap His arms around you and comfort you. What a blessing it was for me to be able to attend the celebration of John's life. What a testimony it was, to see all the children with spouses surround you and be all followers of Christ also. (Henny and Thelma Mooy and Family, Surrey, BC.)

Dec. 20, "He will not fail you, nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31: 6.
The past cannot be changed but the future is still in your hands. Your faith in Him will provide everything for your needs. May God's love for you bring you comfort and strength in this difficult time. You are in our prayers. (John and Ina Van Leeuwen, Onoway, AB.)

Dec. 21, "You are in our prayers. When we met John we knew we had met a man of God. Someone we could look up to, we truly respected John Moerman. He gave us wisdom in the early years we were married. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family."
(Garth and Nova Koster, Rochester, AB.)

Dec. 22, "Our sympathy is with you. Sometimes in many things our voices can't find the words to say, but our hearts can feel and understand."(Alan & Joan Hanson and family, Mayerthorpe.)

Dec.23, "May the knowledge of love and prayers for you, help ease the pain of your loss. We are standing with you. Our sympathy." (Peter and Lorraine Trynchy, Mayerthorpe, AB)

Dec. 24, "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me. May God richly bless and comfort you and yours at this time of separation. Love and prayers," (George and Evelyn Raaschou, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Dec. 25, "Extending deepest sympathy," (Mark and Judy Aywedo, Ron and Silvia Ryken, Mike and Jean Franz, Cheryl Winnicky, Evelyn Adams, Hermon Huber, Mr.and Mrs. Halhead, Ed and Path Johnson, B. Ward. (Baptist care group in Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Dec. 26, "The most beautiful time of our lives are never lost, for they live in our hearts and are relived in our memories. Our deepest sympathy."(Stan and Gail Knapp. Mayerthorpe, Alberta.)

Dec. 27, "We cannot lose the ones that we love," John was a rather special fellow. We are very glad we had the opportunity to know him. Thinking of you, Corrie and your family. Sincerely, (Dennis and Vivian, neighbors six miles north of us, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Dec 28, "May the knowledge that others share your sorrow, comfort you and ease your loss. As ever," (Herb and Diane and son Jon Zeemmer, My hairdresser in Mayerthorpe)

Dec. 29, "For I will turn your mourning into joy and will comfort you, and make you all rejoice from your sorrow." Jeremiah 31: 13. In loving memory of Rev. John Moerman.
(Rodney and Betty Giebelhause, Our dentist in Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Dec. 30, "May it help to know, that the thoughts of friends are with you."
(Stella and Woody from Sangudo, AB.)

Dec. 31, Jeremiah 31:13. "In sincere sympathy to you, and in memory of John Moerman."
(Peter and Rosella Markle, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Jan 1, (1999) "In heartfelt sympathy, sharing in your sorrow." (Yvonne Implett, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Jan. 2, "To you and your family, our sincere sympathy." (Cliff and Shirley Breithreuz, Onoway)

Jan 3, "We are very sorry that you lost one so close and precious to your heart."
(Norm and Barb Thomas, Mayerthorpe, Alberta.)

Jan.4, "Sometimes we feel so lonely when our loved ones are gone, may you know the love of a faithful God who never forsakes His own."
(Love from Maas and Anne Van de Vliert and family, St. Albert, AB.)

Jan.5, "During this difficult time, just know that the Love of God and the warm thoughts of others will bring you strength and hope for the days ahead. With our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your husband and friend." (Chris and Mariah Wicks, Surrey, BC)

Jan. 6, "As you face this time of loss may you be comforted by gentle reminders of your loved one, and by memories that live on in your heart. In sympathy," (Hugo and Betty Lotholtz.)

Jan. 7, One year after Dad died I received a card from the Pentecostal church in Mayerthorpe. Pastor Lotholtz writes: "It is a year since your dear husband John went Home to be with the Lord. We know that the Lord has given you strength through this time. May the Lord continue to be with you and the family. Ruth wrote: "We miss you both a lot, your love, concern, good advice, etc. I am so glad that you are with your family, where you are needed, may the Lord continue to bless you." Several friends shared their love as well. The thought alone that they still remembered, moved me to tears!

Jan. 8, "The Lord is your keeper, The Lord is your shade upon your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time

forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121.” Our prayer is that God will bless you with His peace. I think back to the years your family spent in Monarch. I will continue to be most inspired by Rev. Moerman’s faith. And for commitment to our Lord, by his more recent example he expressed in his work on Classis issues. It was so good to see both of you at spring Classis in Calgary again. We love you, (Kirk and Barb Hoffman, Monarch AB.)

Jan. 9, “May His promise of Eternal Life be a comfort to you and your family in the loss of one so dear to you. Love from” (Jerry, Nellie, Rachel, Shannon, Andrew, Matthew, Joel and Megan De Haan. Highgate, Ontario.)

Jan. 10, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort: Who comforts us in all our tribulation.” With sympathy, love and prayers during this time of loss. (Bill and Jackie Oudshorn-Van Esveld, Monarch, AB.)

Jan. 11, “O Lord be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee; be thou their arm every morning and our salvation, also in the time of trouble”. Isaiah 33: 2. We want to extend our heartfelt condolences with the passing of your husband. Our Lord makes no mistakes and our times are in God’s hand. (Andy and Fittje Viersen, Neerlandia, AB.)

Jan. 12, “Look to the Lord...for in Him every question is answered, in Him every need is fulfilled.” May God heal your heart as only He can give the peace of His promise and the comfort of His love. Love and prayers, (Jake and Edith Wieler, Westlock, AB.)

Jan. 13, “May God ease your hour of sorrow, and surround you with His love, And may It bring you strength to know that our Fathers house above is a house of many mansions. where His Son has set aside special places near Him for His Loved ones to abide.” Oom John was very special to a lot of people, he will be missed. We are so thankful that we were able to know him and be blessed by him over the years. Your family will be in our prayers as you mourn your loss. Love, (Jack and Jan Op der Heide, Calgary, AB.)

Jan. 14, “I was shocked and saddened that our community has lost a fine Christian man. I am glad you included his final letter in the paper. Many of us will miss his wisdom. Thinking of you and yours.” (Shirley Reynolds, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Jan. 15, “Please accept our deepest sympathy at the passing of your husband. Although we were not granted the opportunity in this life to know him well, we are left with the impression of a godly man, dedicated to a life fashioned after Christ. May the God of all comfort and peace attend to you at this time.” (Pastor Darrell and Katie Brocker, Monarch, AB.)

Jan. 16, “To let you and yours know that thoughts of deepest sympathy are with you. Sincerely,” (Mrs. Sigrid Hanson, Mayerthorpe AB.)

Jan. 17, “We remember Pastor Moerman fondly because he was pastor in Monarch when our Dad, Chris De Jong died suddenly. His support benefited all of us our prayers are with you. In Christ,” (Ida De Jong, Lethbridge AB. and Dena De Jong Lynden, Wash. USA.)

Jan. 18, “The stairway that leads to heaven is one we all must climb, But be assured the grief you bear will ease with passing time. For the stairway leads to a garden, with a fragrance pure and sweet, Where your loved one walks amongst its joy-where one day you will meet.” May God bless you now with strength, comfort and peace.

(Grandparents of Greg and Rebekah, Mrs. and Mr. Gwen and Mick Earle, Cremona, AB.)

Jan. 19, "Dearest Corrie and family, We share so deeply in your loss, our memories of having you both for neighbors will last a life time. We lost John and you are moving away too, Corrie. No more wonderful cakes or dishes during birthdays and harvest time. We hope you find peace and rest in the days to come and find time to drop us a note sometimes. To all the children, grand children and great grand children, hang on to the beautiful memories of a good man who loved each and every one of you!" (Joe Trudzik and Ruth Cornelisen, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Jan. 20, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Psalm 31:1. Dear Corrie and family, May God comfort you during your sorrow. Love and Prayers, (Corrie Blommers, Chatham Ont.)

Jan. 21, "His compassion fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3: 22,23. May Gods faithfulness lead you to peace and dry your tears...for His eternal Love is with you now and forever. It is with fond memories as we reflect upon our days at Hope and Western Seminary, especially in Beach Court. We are remembering your family in prayer. May Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Resurrection and Life give you that comfort.

(Pastor Bill and Alberdena Hoffman, 1100 Sunrise Court, NE. Stewartville, MN. 55976.)

Jan. 22, "May God be with you in your sorrow, Brighten every new tomorrow, free your heart of grief and care and leave just treasured memories there."

(Brian and Minny Nicoloy, Edmonton, AB.)

Jan.23, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5: 7. Our deepest sympathy with the passing away of your husband John, Father and Grandfather.

(Bill and Ma Roest and family, Clinton, Ontario. First cousin of Dad.)

Jan. 24, "I am with you, says the Lord." Haggai 1: 13b. May the presence of our heavenly Father sustain you during this difficult time. (Art, Sally and Melissa Granger, Sangudo, AB.)

Jan. 25, "You are remembered by those who share your grief in the loss of someone you loved so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. May God bless and comfort you." (Bill and Bernice Hofman, Nobleford, AB.)

Jan.26, "Extending our deepest sympathy to you and your family."

(Wayne, Amy, JJ, John and Maggy Moerman, Comanche, Texas USA)

Jan 27, "When you lose some one very precious, no one else can really know all that You feel. Please know that others are thinking of you. We enjoyed the times spent together with you and your husband over the years. We will always remember him, may God bless you."

(Gordon and Norma Stable, Edmonton)

Jan. 28, "May God's Love brings you comfort. May it be a source of inner strength, and special comfort too, to know that there's a loving God who's watching over you. And that, through out this time of need, He will stay close by your side, to help and ease your Sorrow, and to be your Friend and Guide." (George and Tina Strating, Abbotsford, BC.)

Jan. 29, "May His Peace and the comfort of friends see you through this difficult time."

We were shocked when our pastor announced April 5, that your husband passed away. With all our love, (Tim and Anna Stotyn, Monarch, Alberta.)

Jan. 30, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46: 1
There are so many things on earth we simply can't explain—Why one of us is taken while the rest of us remain. But till the day we see the Lord and He makes all things clear, We must find comfort knowing, that His love is ever near. My prayer is that God's Love comforts you. (Mrs. Corrie Goedhart Nobleford, AB.)

Jan. 31, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He make me lie down in green pastures." Psalm 23. May the Lord comfort you and your loved ones in these days of bereavement. (Hank and Mary Van Soest Edmonton, AB.)

Feb.1, "Please accept our sincere condolence with the passing of Rev. Moerman, He will be sadly missed by many, having being our pastor for so many years. Our sympathy is with you, may God's presence strengthen you." (the Grootkarzyn family Edmonton, AB.)

Feb.2, "May God be present in your sorrow, and every day may you feel God's caring, His strengthening and most of all, His love. (H. and M. VandenBrink Edmonton, AB)

Feb. 3, "May God wrap His arms around you all, as the angels in Heaven rejoice! My sympathy, and lots of love." (Tineke Op der Heide and Family St Albert, AB.)

Febr.4,"At this time of sorrow our sympathy is with you. May God's presence strengthen you." (George and Barb Groenink Edmonton, AB.)

Feb. 5, "How sad, very sad, it choked us both, when the announcement came at our service. We always appreciated your love when we met and the hearty handshake and special words to my husband from Rev. Moerman. God bless you dearly Mrs. Moerman and give you strength to endure. Our heartfelt sympathy." (Henry and Johanna)

Feb. 6, "With sad hearts we mourn your loss and send you all our love. We were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of your husband and father. Our hearts go out to you all." (John and Alida Kingswood. Ontario)

Feb. 7, "Thinking of you with deepest sympathy. Our prayers and love are with you all. Your friends in Christ," (Adriaan and Tiny Op der Heide, St. Albert, AB.)

Feb.8, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46; 1.
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. (A. and J. Zoeteman Monarch, AB.)

Feb. 9,"May the Lord grant you strength, courage and hope during this time of sorrow. We are with you in our prayers and our love." (F. and E. Dierkhising Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Feb. 10, "Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, the Lord, who remains faithful forever." Psalm 146: 5,6.
As you go through life's greatest sorrow, the loss of someone you love, may your own faith in God sustain you ... bringing you comfort today, courage for tomorrow and hope in your heart. (David and Shirley Sim Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Feb.11,"O my Comforter, my heart is faint." Jeremiah 8: 18. My thoughts and prayers are with you. (Mrs. Henny Gommer Edmonton, AB.)

Feb. 12, "Whenever hands are clasped in prayer, our Heavenly Father is always there. He knows our thoughts without a word, for in His love all prayers are heard."
With all our loving thoughts and prayers. (Gwen and Ernie Hall Boyle, AB.)

Feb. 13, "We will miss the excellent letters from your husband in the papers. Our condolences to you and yours, Corrie. (Ray and Mary Bragel, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Feb. 14, "Forever is too far to see from where we stand today. But loved ones who have reached a higher view, have found a perfect Home where every sorrow goes away. And there they wait to welcome me and you." With love, (E and T Hoogenwaard, Red Deer.)

Feb. 15, "May the love of God assure us of His presence, comfort and strength, while He holds you in His arms and the assurance that John is at Home with the Lord.
Lots of love from", (Pastor Howard and Eileen Monro, Mayerthorpe, AB.)

Feb. 16, "May the Father of mercies and God of all comfort bless you with His presence. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first: than we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18. (Ms Eva Van Ens, Edmonton, AB.)

Feb. 17, "Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the Lord, who remains faithful forever." Psalm 146: 5,6. P.S. I somehow can hear John saying "Hello" to the Lord, still with his boots on! With deep sympathy and our prayers, sincerely (Marie and Otto Hammer, Calgary, AB.)

Feb. 18 "The Lord will never leave us nor forsake us. He promised He'd be faithful to us through it all. It often seems He's walking right beside us, as He guides us through our problems, large and small. Our love and prayers," (Pastor Le Roy and Elvia Sandi, Oostburg, WI.)

Feb. 19, "We wait in hope for the Lord, He is our hope and our shield. In Him our heart rejoice, for we trust in His Holy Name. Our prayers are with you all, Mrs. Moerman, in this time of loss. May the Lord be your comfort and strength." (G.& B. Harbors, Monarch, AB.)

Feb. 20, "Dear Mrs. Moerman and Family, On behalf of the Hope College Alumni Association, I wish to express our sympathy upon your loss of your husband, John Moerman. Our prayer for you and your entire family is that God will richly bless you and that His grace will be sufficient in the hour of bereavement. Sincerely," (Lynne Powe, Alumni Director Holland, Michigan.)

Feb. 21, "In the short time we knew you, we have seen the great courage and strength that God has blessed you with. We pray that in this time of sorrow God would increase His blessings to you, now and always. May you find comfort in knowing that your loved one is in God's care. Love," (Gary and Geri Foster. Sangudo, AB.)

This beautiful poem was on Gary and Geri's card:

The Door That Never Closes

There is a door that never closes, though it opens but one way.
It is the door that leads to Heaven at the end of life's long day.
It is the threshold of forever where the heart is always glad,
It is a respite for the weary and a comfort for the sad.
It is the door to peace and healing and the door to joy and grace.
Where the Master greets each guest by name, and with a warm embrace.
And the loved ones who pass through into the Light that's shining there,
Find a sweet and perfect home within the Father's care.

Feb. 22, Psalm 42: 11 "Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my helper and my God!"
"Tomorrows joy is feathered by today's acceptance and faith sings while it is dark!"

Feb. 23, John 6: 44, 45, "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him.
And I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets and they shall be taught by
God. Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."

Feb. 24, John 6: 51 "I am the living bread which came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of
that Bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I give for the life of the world, is my flesh."

Feb. 25, John 6: 63 "It's the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words I have spoken
to you are Spirit and Life. This is why I told you that no one can come to Me, unless it is granted
him by the Father." (many went away.)

Feb. 26, John 6: 68 "but Peter said: Lord, but to whom shall we go? You have the words of
Eternal life and we have believed and have come to know you. You are the Holy one of God!"

Feb. 27, John 7: 37-39 "On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed,
'If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said,
out of his heart shall flow rivers of Living water.' Now this he said about the Spirit, which those
who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was
not yet glorified."

Feb. 28, Jeremiah 17:7,8 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust IS the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when
heat comes, for its leaves remain green and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not
cease to bear fruit."

March 1, Jeremiah 10: 14 "I, the Lord, search the mind and try the heart, to give to every man
according to his (her) ways, according of the fruit of his doings." We may pray with Jeremiah,
"Heal me O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved; for Thou art my praise!"

March 2, Jeremiah 9: 23 "Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not
the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who

glories, glory in this, that he understands and know Me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight', says the Lord."

March 3, A promise in Jeremiah 23: 5,6 that Jesus would come to the earth. "Behold, the days are coming says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch and he shall reign as King and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He shall be called, The Lord is our Righteousness."

March 4, Jeremiah 29: 10-13 "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you, says the Lord."

March 5, Jeremiah 32:17-19 "Lord God! It is Thou who has made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and by thy out stretched arm! Nothing is too hard for thee, who shows steadfast love to thousands. O great and mighty God who's Name is the Lord of hosts, great in counsel and mighty in deed; who's eyes are open to all the ways of men."

March 6, Psalm 48: 1-3 "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth. Mount Zion, in the far north, of the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has shown himself a sure defense."

March 7, Psalm 50: 10,14. "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the fields is mine. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; and call upon me in the day of trouble; I shall deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

March 8, Psalm 51: 1, 8,9 " Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones thou has broken, rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all my wrong doings."

March 9, Psalm 51: 10-12 "Create in me a clean heart O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of my salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit."

March 10, Psalm 51: 15,17 "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart O God, thou will not despise."

March 11, Psalm 52: 8,9 "But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank thee forever, thou has done it. I will proclaim thy name, for it is good in the presence of the godly."

March 12, Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved."

March 13, Psalm 57: 9-11 "I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to thee among the nations. For thy steadfast love is great to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!"

March 14, Psalm 61: 3,4 “Lead thou me to the Rock that is higher than I, for thou art my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in thy tent forever! Oh, to be safe under the shelter of thy wings!”

March 15, Psalm 62: 5,8 “For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him. Trust in Him at all times O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.”

March 16, Psalm 63: 2-4 “So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee. So will I bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.”

March 17, Psalm 66: 2,4 “Sing the glory of His name, give to Him glorious praise! All the earth worship thee; they sing praises to thee, sing praises to Thy Name!”

March 18, Psalm 67: 1,2 “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that thy way be known upon earth, thy saving power among all nations.”

March 19, Psalm 68: 4,5,6 “Lift up a song to Him who rides the clouds; his name is the Lord, exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of the widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.”

March 20, Psalm 71: 17, 18, 23 “O God, from my youth thou has taught me. So even to old age and gray hair, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim thy might to all the generations to come. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to thee; my soul also, which thou has rescued.”

March 21, Psalm 73: 1-3 which was one of my Father’s favorite psalm. It almost sounded like that he had struggled with these first three verses he read. I heard once a conversation from him with his closest friend during milking time; they often spoke about these things. I have never forgotten this, my Dad died from a heart attack at 73 years old. The pastor used this psalm at his funeral, as well as my brother when he spoke. “Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled. I had nearly lost my foothold. For I was envious and arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.”

March 22, Psalm 73: 23-26, 28 “Yet I am always with thee. Thou hold me by my right hand. Thou guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards thou will take me into glory. Who do I have in heaven, but Thee? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides Thee. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is my strength of my heart and my portion forever. But as for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all thy works.”

March 23, Psalm 84: 1,4,11 “How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. My soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

March 24, Psalm 86: 11-13 “Teach me thy way, O Lord my God, that I may walk in thy truth; Unite my heart that I fear thy name. I give thanks to thee O God, with my whole heart and will glorify thy name forever. For great is thy steadfast love toward me; and Thou delivers my soul from Eternal death.”

March 25, Psalm 90: 1,2,10,12,16 “Lord, thou art our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains stood forth, or ever had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. The years of our life are three-score and ten, or even by reason of strength four-score; their span is toil and trouble; they are soon gone and fly away.”

March 26, Psalm 90: 12, 16,17 “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Let thy work be manifest to thy servants and thy glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, establish the work of our hands for us, yes, establish the work of our hands!”

March 27, Psalm 91: 1,2 “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.”

March 28, Psalm 91: 11,12, 14-16 “For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Because he cleaves to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My name. When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

I have finished with some of the many promises of God’s Word. I have found much comfort in writing these parts of the Bible. I pray that every one who uses them will be blessed as well.