
Words of Life News

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Bob Janes Called Home

On July 21, 2022, Julie called. Her Dad received his call. My very best friend, my soul-mate had entered eternity. Bob was eighty six years old with deteriorating health. I was not surprised, yet news of death always shocks the senses. It caught my emotions; immediate sorrow for my personal loss, but joy for his good fortune! His race is over. He is home, resting peacefully. I thought of Revelation 21:1-8. God gives us a glimpse into His presence, where righteousness dwells.

Thinking of Bob immediately fills my mind with flashes of our life as best friends, of our rebellious attitude toward authority, of our long talks about God and His demands for meaningful repentance, of our fear of sleep. What if we died before daylight? We knew we were not ready to meet God.

Our Lord works His grace mysteriously. I quit school and hitch-hiked to Louisville, Kentucky where my sister, Roberta was enrolled in Kentucky Bible College. I had no plans past that. Bob grew up in Louisville. We first met in the recreation area of Portland Christian School cafeteria. Recognition was immediate, as if we had known each other before. Without discussion, trust and loyalty were there. We loved each other as brothers. Our friendship lasted seventy years, until God called him home. Seems that God planned our meeting. We needed each other's strength.

We were two young rebels from different worlds, age sixteen. I grew up in Southwestern Louisiana, he, in Louisville. He was inner-city street wise. I was swamp country, sharecropper wise. His Dad was an industrial electrician, my Dad was a sharecropper without benefit of education. Our one common character trait: God gave us active consciences.

I think of the Biblical account of the friendship of David and Jonathan, recorded in I Samuel 18:1-4; and in II Samuel 9: 1, 7, 11. In a small way, far from the world stage, Bob and my friendship had those spiritual qualities of love, loyalty.

Bob's obituary reveals the man he became. In part it reads, "While attending Portland Christian High School, Bob began his career as a teenager pumping gas at a Gulf Oil Service Station. By the time he retired, he was an award-winning salesman, and retail marketer for Gulf Oil Corporation. Being a savvy businessman with an entrepreneurial spirit, he took early retirement at 47, and went on to start, and own, other successful business ventures."

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From Portland Christian High School, Bob gained a life-long Prayer Warrior. From Louisiana, Miss Lois McReynolds called during his retirement party, telling him she prayed for him by name every day, interceding for his spiritual welfare.

God gave Bob and Wanda a sixty-six year marriage. In those years God also blessed them with three children, seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grand children.

Until his memorial, I was not aware of Bob's gift to each of his grandchildren; he would pick up their college tab if they chose to attend a Christian College. At one stretch he had six tuitions to pay! The evidence of his generosity showed at his memorial. Several of his grandchildren are involved in located church ministry while others are in mission work. I can't name them because I'd miss some of them, but I was thrilled with the news.

I try to visualize his entry into the very presence of Jesus. God knows our capacity to understand. Reflect: I Corinthians 2:9, "... Just as it is written, 'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which has not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.'" God says eternity in His presence is outside our ability to comprehend.

Again I Cor. 15:51-52, "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep (physical death), but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead (in Christ) will be raised imperishable and we will be changed." Our change will be from this body of death to an eternal body, like His resurrected body.

The great compassion and tolerance of God protected Bob and me through those miserable years. Our faith matured. We began to understand the need to trust God.

Romans 7:14-8:2, encouraged us to trust God with all our weaknesses because He knew our hearts. Praise God for His mercy.

Amen, come Lord Jesus.

Buford Smith

Africa Letters

May God bless you for your spiritual food given to me through “Words of Life” programme on Radio Africa. This has been a great help to me and I thank God for spiritual blessings to me.

Thank you and hope to continue listening every week.

Bro. Charles Barimah Twum, P. O. Box AN 12310, Accra—North, Ghana,
May 15, 2022.

Thanks you for coming to us with the program on Radio Africa “Words of Life” every week. What your are doing is for the love of God and it is helping us in this difficult time.

God bless you. God is faithful in all His ways. Thank You

Mr. Abotsi Richard, GIS Box GP 2856, Accra Ghana, May 16, 2022.

May God bless you for bringing us Words of Life program on Radio Africa to help us come closer to Christ.

Thank you for the good work for Christ. Remain blessed.

Mr. Gyawn Alex, ATTC Electronic, P. O. Box M177, Ministries—Accra
Ghana, May 15, 2022.

May God bless you for helping us to know the Word of God through Words of Life on Radio Africa.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness. God bless you all.

Bro. Afram Mawuli, P. O. Box DK 72, Darkuman—Accra Ghana, April 15,
2022.

I enjoy to listen to “Words of Life” broadcast on Radio Africa. It helped me so much as I pray and fast last year.

Thank you very much for these messages. God bless you.

Mr. Narnor Jonathan, P. O. Box CT 5815, C'ments, Accra Ghana, April 6,
2022.

Greetings to you in the name that is above every other name Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God.

Thank you for your wonderful and very inspiring radio broadcast that is broadcast to us in West Africa and beyond via Radio Africa..

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