
Part Of Dr. J. Don Jennings' Tribute At His 94 Year Old Mother's Funeral On Feb. 8, 2008

I REMEMBER MOM

AT HOME

Holding a cold rag on my fevered head;
Washing clothes on a wash board;
Scrubbing and polishing wood and linoleum floors using a mop and bucket, on hands and knees;
Hanging clothes on a clothesline outside in heat and cold;
Ironing clothes late in to the night;
Churning milk to make butter;
Kneading flower dough with her hands to make biscuits;
Heating water on the coal-fired stove for dish washing;
Cooking and canning beans, tomatoes, corn, etc.
Making Apple Sauce and Apple Butter in a copper kettle outside over an open fire;
Sewing by hand and on a Singer Sewing Machine;
She was a meticulous house-keeper;
Her husband and children were well dressed in clean clothes always;
She cooked scrumptious and sumptuous meals;
And Graham Cracker pie!

AT CHURCH

Keeping 5 children quiet in the pew;
Carrying us to the car when we were asleep after evening services;
Listening to women parishioners verbalizing their problems and counseling same;
Teaching Sunday School;
Leading Ladies Missionary meetings;
Cooking for Home Coming Dinners at the churches;
And Graham Cracker Pie!

SHE WAS A SERVANT

She fed the hungry;
She visited the sick;
She was an encourager, sending many an encouraging letter and card;
She entertained preachers and missionaries that Dad had speak in the churches;
She gave them Graham Cracker Pie for desert!

SHE WORE MANY UNIFORMS

The Sunday dress of a Pastor's wife;
The smock of a house wife;
The casual dress of a retiree;
The gown of a patient in a care unit;
The robes of the righteousness of the Lord Jesus;
She was beautiful in all of them – and, oh, yes ...
The apron of a cook when she made
Graham Cracker Pie!

SHE WAS A CHRISTIAN WITNESS.

It was Mother who led me to faith in Christ as a boy of seven.
I know of a certainty that I shall see her again in Heaven and
We'll eat Graham Cracker Pie together!