

Wanderings from the Woods & Water by Jay Bicknell

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In Memory of BassLee Richardson, April 20, 1923 -- September 26, 2013

BassLee Richardson
Born April 20, 1923
Died September 26, 2013
"Fallen Leaves"

I strolled over the wooded trails of old dirt roads that lead me back to a place I hold so dear to my heart. Bring me back home.

Among the fallen leaves, reminds me of the last time I passed this way, touched of a passing breeze.

I feel so sheltered when I look back on our tender roots of my childhood I had with you today and yesterday past.

Things that remind me of you; clouds floating low in the sky on a summer day, when springtime comes alive, birds making their self known, trees are so full with their songs.

Leaves before the wind, I wonder what you'll be at your journey's end.

A day of golden beauty of autumn; mountain peaks sweeping the valley, chilly winds blows against my face.

Smoke rises from a farm house chimney. Smells so good. Fall, sunset oranges and pink against the gray sky. Snow on the mountain top, ice cycles hanging over a cliff of rocks looks like crystal glass, sparkles like diamonds.

When sun starts to melt the ice. Frost on the ground. Your old coat and

cap, your work boots, tobacco in your shirt pocket; these are things I love, and fallen leaves of memories of yesterday past.

I cherish and hold dear to my heart. I see you in all of this, Daddy. Missing your smile and touch, hug, embrace, saying "Good Bye" and "Happy Hello."

I miss everything about you. Let me remember as the day is long, a brief time to look back on all happy times and joy you gave us all. Thanks you love are in all that God blessed us with.

Summer beneath a lovely, shining sky of morning glory blue. Watching as the sun comes up, hearing chickens crow, working the land where wildlife runs so free. I wish I was an artist, I'd paint the sky as you saw it through your eyes.

I'd paint a picture of your life story of hard times, the good and bad and sad. I'd paint the suffering and pain, tears and laughter, happiness and joy, through your face and eyes.

I saw your life, it said it all; how hard you worked and life's journey you traveled and all you've seen and all you've done and what you became. That man I loved and respected, a simple man to the end. You were my Dad. Story to tell about the olden times from your childhood up 'till you

died, you had a story to tell of someone. I could sit all my live and listen to them stories. They were so dear to my heart, treasured memories they have become.

Fallen leaves of beauty I saw in our eyes and soul.

As a poet, I can write for my Daddy; you had a kindred spirit that lies across all of our hearts; the most precious gift I had was, you were my Dad, a blessing from God.

Someone's waiting at Heaven's door to welcome me in. A red rose was the last flower I gave you at the hospital before God called you home. But where you are, roses bloom forever and never fade nor die.

I'd gather star dust to make you a crown, I'd pick you the first red rose to bloom in spring and have it delivered by angel wings if I could.

Stings of pearls found deep in the seas, I'd wrap them with the moon light so white doves can see them when my heart breaks for you. I'm missing you so much, I look to the heavens and the stars are so bright and I know you're not far; you're still with me, watching over us from the windows of Heaven.

Fallen leaves are for you, Dad; missing you this year even more on your birthday. If you were here, I'd pick you another beau-



tiful vase of flowers like I did last year. You'd say, "Did you bring me them weeds," and then we'd laugh. I miss you so much, our times together.

The simple times are the best. You'll never know just how much you love them until they're gone. If you have your parents, you are truly blessed. Life is short, take time out and enjoy the most important thing you'll ever have, that's family. Love them and cherish them because we're here today, gone tomorrow.

I wouldn't change one thing about my Daddy. I was proud of him. He was full of life, the strongest many I ever knew. I respect him just the way he was. I love you, miss you so much.

Love, your daughter,
Frieda Holliman

The Garden Bug

Herbs and new moms

Many herbs can aid mothers during the postpartum period; they can enhance physical and emotional well-being and support breast-milk production and quality. Consult your doctor if you would like to try some from this list:

- Ashwaganda
- Gotu kola
- Hawthorn berries, leaves and flowers
- Milky oats
- Red raspberry leaf
- Nettle
- Catnip
- Chamomile
- Lavender
- Lemon balm
- Skullcap

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.motherearthliving.com

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