



Times Remembered
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My Dad would have turned 104 on October 14, if he were still living. He was 91 when he passed in February 2007. I miss him every day as well as my Mom. There so many things I would like to ask him; for example; his advice on how to repair things and how and when to plant crops and when to invest or buy.

Dad didn't have any boys but I was a tomboy who loved to go everywhere he went. Dad liked to hunt and I accompanied him many times squirrel and rabbit hunting. Those are precious memories. He taught me to respect guns and I always carried a little 22 rifle when I went with him. I as a child was taught not to touch the guns unless I had permission.

I loved Dad's pocket knives; he always carried a pocket knife. When I was growing up in the 50's and 60's all the men and boys had a knife. Some younger boys carried knives too. It was just a different era. I can remember boys having

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knives at school and they traded knives a lot. Now, you would be expelled from school if you had a pocket knife, so don't carry one to school.

I was fascinated with all the uses Dad had for his knife. He peeled apples with it, used the thin short blade as a screwdriver, when the real thing wasn't available. When packages or gifts needed to be opened, out came the pocketknife to cut the tape or the string. Daddy also sharpened many a pencil for me when I was doing my homework. He could even get a splinter out of a finger with a knife.

You definitely needed a knife for fishing to snip lines for cane poles, to clean sun fish, and to cut lengths of rope to tie tarps between trees to keep out the sun.

One of my favorite things to do was to whittle on pieces of cedar or pine or anything else I could get my hands with Dad's knife. I would beg and beg to get to use his knife to whittle. I remember one evening after the feeding was done and I was hanging out at the barn with him there were some squash lying in the driveway that I was whittling on. I remember cutting my third finger when trying to cut up the tough squash that was past harried. I cut an "L" out of my finger. I didn't cry, but it sure hurt; I got a little scar

to show for it, I didn't try that again.

In later years Daddy collected pocketknives, he found some at flea markets and he had four girls who bought him one for Christmas presents. I bought him a Masonic knife; and a Case knife but I don't remember who received it after he passed.

I always admired all the pretty colors of the materials on the outer colors of the pocket knives. Like the rich, dark wood, the animal bone, the mother of pearl, and the shiny metal.

The one most precious to me is one he gave me a couple of years before he passed and I didn't really want him to give it to me. I had taken him to the doctor in Lexington and when we got back to his house he kept asking me, "What do I owe you?" I said, "Dad you don't owe me anything, I am happy to take you and Mother to the doctor anytime." He just kept on and in a minute he slipped this little knife in my hand and said, "You won't take any money, you take this knife; of course I cried, I told him I didn't want to keep it, but he wouldn't hush. I kept it to make him happy.

This knife is one my most cherished things that I have that belonged to my Daddy. I can still hear his words that day. I love him and miss him so very much. Happy Birthday in Heaven. Love You!

Husbands not so good when it comes to delivering babies



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A frantic man dialed 911 and told the dispatcher, "My wife is in labor and her contractions are only two minutes apart. What do I do?"

"Just take a deep breath and calm down," the operator said. "Now, is this her first child?"

"No," he yelled. "I'm her husband."

You probably have figured out by now that some men are better at the husband thing than others. But there's hope for all husbands, because the Bible offers instructions on ways to do the job well.

In Ephesians 5:25, husbands are told not just to love their wives but to love them as Christ loves the church. You grasp the depth of that kind of love when you consider that Christ gave his life for the

church. So, this instruction, straight from the Bible, calls on husbands to be willing to give their lives for their wives.

The Bible also instructs husbands to cut the proverbial apron strings that tend to tie them to their parents, especially to their mothers. Let's face it, a lot of guys are Momma's boys. But in Genesis 2:24 we read that "a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife and they shall become one."

And, the Bible instructs husbands to provide for their wives and children.

"If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel" (2 Timothy 5:8).

The Bible even has instructions for those grumpy husbands who tend to quarrel at their wives: "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of your life" (Ecclesiastes 9:9).

Certainly, those verses only begin to skim the surface when it comes to the Bible's instructions on how to be a good husband.

I heard a story the other day that suggests you can determine the worth of a husband by observ-

ing the patches on his trousers.

Two wives had gotten together to sew and chat.

"My husband is so grumpy," one of the women said. "He complains constantly."

Interestingly, the grumpy husband's wife was sewing patches onto the seat of his trousers because he tended to sit around and fuss rather than fulfilling his role as the Bible instructs.

Of course, there's one sure-fire way to motivate a husband like that: just go into labor and tell him the contractions are two minutes apart.

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805 Poplar Street, Ravenna, Kentucky

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