

Grandma's BLOG ... *A Farewell*

Carrie here, writing for my Grandma! Here's an update: Grandma has completed her rehab, but instead of returning to her home, she has decided to move to an assisted-living facility. She looks forward to this new season in her life and has asked me to make this one final entry on her BLOG.

I need to share that I took THE box — the box which Grandma filled for me since my birth — out of the attic, and she helped me open it! We laughed over old family photos as Grandma pointed out who was who. With my recent attendance at the LWML convention in Peoria, I was thrilled to find a photo of my great-great grandmother (Grandma's mom) taken at a 1942 meeting in Chicago; she was a founding member!

The LWML looked a lot different back then; all wore hats with lacey veils, sturdy shoes, and white gloves, even in the heat of a Midwest summer. But as I studied the documents, I couldn't help but notice that the heart of the organization is still the same today — to share Christ's salvation with all. The LWML has a totally different "look" nearly 70 years later, but witnessing God's love never changes!

Adapting to this new change in Grandma's life, however, seems to be harder on me than on her. I miss the old days, the times we enjoyed before Grandma's illness. I wish things could be perfect again.

But then Grandma and I talked about how pointless it is to try to be perfect in an imperfect world. We often focus on the Law and what we think we need to do, forgetting that Christians are forgiven and made perfect in God's eyes through Jesus' sacrifice. Psalm 18:32 tells us: God ... makes my way perfect.

I need to share that important truth with my cousins who, at times, go overboard, seeking perfection in their lives, homes, children. Their own parents rejected Jesus as Savior, so they have not been brought up in the faith. I pray that He may use me as a witness to them.

"Be grounded in the faith, serve Him through serving others, and share His love story." That's Grandma's legacy to me.



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