

Joyful in Hope – 24 – April 14, 2020
(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:9

It's 7:45 PM, and Janine is talking with Kelly Sprague on the phone. Kelly is wondering where the daily email from Pete is, and I suddenly realize, it's still not done. OH, NO!!!!

This day kind of got away from me. I apologize, but I do want you all to know it was filled with good things. This morning, I was honored to join Janet Smith, and a few family members, as we met the funeral home to say goodbye to Don. It was such an important time for Janet because she had not been able to see Don since he entered the hospital over three weeks ago. Lots of tears.

This afternoon, we met at the graveside with a few more family members, shared some scriptures and said a final prayer, as the sun shone down, despite the cool temperatures. Because of all the restrictions, the grave was already closed. I am so accustomed to placing a hand on the casket to say my final good-bye, that I decided to place my hand on the grave instead. Photos below.

Janet wants everyone to know how much she appreciates your love and support and prayers. Please continue to support her in the days ahead. Janine made a big pot of ham and split pea soup today, and we were able to take some over to Janet. We set it on her porch, and called her to tell her it was there. So weird, the precautions we're having to take. Then, we joined some of our Heritage family for Zoom Yoga. It was good to see you all.

Janet called back a little while later to say that the lid was on too tightly. She placed it back on the porch, and I rode my bike over to loosen the lid, then knocked on the door and rode away.

Right now, Janine is on the phone with Lisa Bartlett. Please, say a special prayer tonight for Bob Peters, Lisa dad. Bob was taken by ambulance to the hospital yesterday. He has severe COPD, and could not breathe. Today, he is breathing a little better but is very weak.

And all of the sudden, it was 7:45 PM. And that's my day. I hope yours was a blessing. Every day is a gift. Take nothing and no one for granted. Hug the people you can, and tell the ones you can't how much you love them. Please, stay healthy.

“Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.”
Colossians 3:16a (NLT)

