

Below is the Eulogy I wrote for my precious Mother and Ronnie gave it at her viewing.

Most of you know I am Ruby's son in law, Rhoda's husband. I grew to love Ruby and I know she loved me like a son. All who knew Ruby loved her because she loved us. She had a smile and an extended hand to everyone who approached her. One of her greatest joys was to be able to give something to people. We will cherish the memories we shared with her. . I want to share with you some of her convictions, and her faith in Christ. Before her eyes went bad she loved to read the Bible. She contributed quite a lot of comments during our bible study groups we shared. She believed strongly in the resurrection.

John said in Rev. And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

When one dies he or she may be asleep for a long time but when they wake it will only be an instant in their memories. This is how it will be with her. Ruby is not dead as we think of being dead. She actually is just asleep. When she wakes us and God puts her spirit back into her she will have a new body, one that is strong, full of energy. She will be able to see really good, run and leap for joy. And it will only seem like she just woke up from a good night's sleep.

Just as Christ said about his friend Lazarus. We read the story in John chapter 11. Mary said, "but Lord he has been dead for four days, he will stink by now" but Jesus knew that Lazarus was just in a temporary death called sleep. He then proceeded to wake Lazarus up.

When Jesus was asked to go pray for a man's daughter the man was told, "don't bother the Master anymore, your daughter is already dead". This story is in the 5th Chapter of Mark. So Jesus went to wake her, but the people laughed at him for his efforts. They were sure that dead meant "dead!" but Jesus closed the door on the scorners and told her parents, "she's not dead, she is asleep". Then he commanded her to wake up and she did. The scorners all had to eat crow, as the saying goes. Ruby believed Jesus is going to do the same for her when her time comes.

Paul says in 1 Thes. 2:13 -18

13 ¶ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Ruby has this in common with Paul as he says in 2 Tim 4: 6 the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Solomon, in his wisdom said:

Ecc. 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Acts 2:29 tells us that even the man who is said to be after God's own heart is still asleep in the earth. We can know from this that His body has decayed but his breath, his spirit, has gone back to God who gave it. However, the Bible tells us he will be resurrected to be king over the twelve tribes of Israel in a future age. Eze 37:24-25

This is what Ruby believed about death but even more importantly she believed in loving. These are the many precious memories we will forever hold in our hearts when we think of her.

Now we invite anyone who wants to share a thought or a memory you have had with Ruby. She would have liked that. What relationship are you to her? Explain how she touched your life. What story has she told you about her past life? How did she make you feel loved?

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