

Knitted Together Through Understanding & Prayer

I would like to take a moment to apologize for not keeping this website up-to-date this year. I'm sure many of you have been a bit disappointed when you would come here, only to find the same thing on the Home Page. Hopeful, you go to the calendar looking for some silly "Celebrate xyz today!" - only to find that it is two months behind and no silly celebrations.

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*I know that many of you, if not all of you, have had days, weeks, months and even years that were exceptionally tough. Maybe bad enough that you would rather forget the situation.*

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Since May 2020, my family has been on a weird roller coaster ride. Some bad, some good. Some overly emotional, some quiet. Some fun, and well, some not so fun. Some exciting and some disappointing.

*Does this ring a bell with you?
I imagine it does. It's called life, right?*

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*Well, for me, I had a difficult time keeping up.*

*In a nutshell, my dad had cancer -> surgery; I had cancer at the same time -> surgery -> an extremely easy recovery, after several months & surgeries; I went to my parents house in June for a 4 week stay; dad had cancer again -> surgery was 50/50 on whether he would come off the table -> he made it!; there was a complication - a wound & he is diabetic; then a kidney stone interrupted his healing schedule; I came home in September; Thanksgiving night, we took my mom to the Emergency Department with mental & physical changes all due to a fever -> discharged after 4 days; with mom better, Charles & I head home the next day, that day, I called the cancer center about a new wound my dad had - short story, possible emergency surgery on Monday; Charles & I, about half-way home, turned around and drove back to FL -> Charles drove home the next day, 14 hours straight, alone; things get better, no surgery this time for dad & I flew home Dec. 7th.*

*Sorry ... that was a very **BIG Nutshell** ...from a true **NUT!**  
I've worn several hats during all of this: daughter & sister, nurse, daughter, patient, daughter & sister, nurse..nurse, daughter, nurse, daughter & sister. I'm having an identity problem!! lol*

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*That's a lot for me. I know its nothing compared to what some of you have gone through.
I know, because we've talked.*

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*So, that's my story and I'm sticking to it, as some say.  
But, I don't want to end it there.*

*When we go through times like this, we need each other.  
I mean, we really need each other ... BAD ... right?*

*And, do we outwardly ask each other for whatever it is we need? Like someone to talk to so we can vent. Someone that can make you laugh, when you have forgotten how to. Someone to turn those tears of sadness or heart-ache or whatever into tears of joy, thankfulness and promise. Sometimes we even forget to ask for prayer, because we feel obligated to explain the reason. We've all been there. So let's do something about it!*

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It is extremely obvious I needed a lot of prayer over the past 1-1/2 years. At times I did ask, but

only from a few of my closest friends. This year, I want to help you, and me, know there is an easy way to have someone praying for you when you are going through a rough time. I would like to add a section in the Newsletters, Reminders and, yes, this Website where you can ask for prayer. There is a catch. I can't make anyone promise ... but I really wish no one would ask that person WHY they are on the prayer list.

To be quite honest, it really isn't any of our business ... unless they want to tell you. Do you agree?

We don't need to know why. We just need to know that they are in need.

And I believe that is all we need to know. God knows the rest.

Please send me an email with your name. I don't want to know why, which unit you are from or where you live.

Only your name.



Sending love to all.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

May the New Year be filled with many blessings!

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