
KLETKE NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye Grandpa

By the grace of God, Dan and I were able to travel safely to Michigan this month. On Thursday October 21, I received a phone call from my mom saying that my Grandfather was very ill, and that I should come to Michigan as soon as I could. Within an hour and a half, Dan and I were packed and on the road. We finally arrived at 2am Friday morning to see Grandpa surrounded by family in the ICU. He was having difficulty breathing because of complications related to the throat cancer he had been fighting for several years. Before we had arrived he had been taken off a ventilator per the family's request and was breathing on his own with difficulty. We stayed at the hospital and by his side all night and into Friday. He was very alert but was unable to speak. He was able to write on a piece of paper at 11:45pm Thursday evening indicating "79". Friday was his birthday; he turned 79 and died on that day at about 2pm in the afternoon. My cousin Joann, and I were able to look into his eyes and say things to him that should have been said years ago. I didn't realize until times like this that I didn't tell grandpa nearly enough that I loved him. I could tell he heard us because when I said I loved him, he squeezed my hand. As hard as it was to say goodbye, the peace I find comes from knowing that he is in heaven with our savior and with no pain.

Arrangements were made to have a viewing on Sunday afternoon and the Funeral on Monday. We enjoyed spending time with the family and catching up with those relatives that we haven't seen in a while. Dan and I had the opportunity to attend Grandpa's church on Sunday morning. I am amazed at how much I didn't know about him. He donated generously to the music program at his church and had many friends - many of whom I had never met. I'm so glad he had good friends up to the end. Unknowingly, we sat next to the parents of a seminary student that has been in all of Dan's classes thus far. What a small world. It had rained all weekend and everything was gray. Very typical Michigan in October, but the colors of the changing leaves were brilliant. To our amazement as the veterans from the VFW played taps, the sun broke through the clouds and

the sky was bright and clearing. For the rest of the day it was absolutely beautiful. Grandpa was in WWII in the Air Corp. and was very active in the boy scouts. His body was commissioned with full honors and military salute. I will miss him very much, but I know that my time here is short and I will see him very soon. Tricia

Red October

The whole of October has become pale in comparison to Grandpa's passing, but a few other things did happen. I continued my studies and the end of the quarter is finally in sight. In just over seven days, I will have a two week reprieve from my classes and I am looking forward to a big Kletke Thanksgiving in Denver. Tricia also went on a couple of outings with the Seminary Wives Association this month. There was a Saturday earlier in the month where they went wine tasting at some of the local wineries and Tricia was nice enough to bring me back a couple of bottles - I was impressed. The sem wives also had a short weekend retreat that Tricia attended. From her report, it was a wonderful time spent in prayer and fellowship that gave her some invaluable support after a very emotional couple of weeks. Tricia also started her new job this month and feels right at home. Praise the Lord.

In spite of the beautiful fall colors, what makes this a brilliant red October is that Boston won THE WORLD SERIES lifted the curse of the Bambino. It really wasn't much of a series - I wish St. Louis had put up more of a fight; but the Red Sox have finally won it all and they did it grand style - right through the middle of Yankee Stadium. It doesn't get any better than that.

The fall colors in Missouri were absolutely beautiful, and the temperature is dropping enough that we dug out our electric blanket. It is nice to start cooking all our fall and winter recipes again - ummmmm, chili. Tricia and I count our blessings every day for how the Lord provides for us and are thankful for all of our friends and family who care for us. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.
Dan

Robert H. Jarvis

(October 22, 1925 - October 22, 2004)

Robert H. Jarvis 79 of Elkton formerly of Drayton Plains died Friday at Covenant Harrison, Saginaw. He was born October 22, 1925, in Los Angeles, CA to the late Harold and Helen (Maglovsky) Jarvis. Bob served in the US Army Air Corp during WW II as an Air Traffic Controller at Selfredge AFB. When he returned home, he was united in marriage to Dolores L. Seidel on June 22, 1946 in Detroit. She preceded him in death July 6, 1984. He was an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, assistant Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, Senior Patrol Guide and Life Scout. He was inducted into the Midwest Water Ski Hall of Fame and was a member of Lake Oakland Ski Demons, Michigan Water Ski Association., and Michigan Bare-Footers Association. Bob was one of only two judges from Michigan for National Water Ski Tournaments. He was also a member of the Waterford Chippers and Carvers, Waterford Senior Citizens Center and the Sand Point Carvers. He was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville, MI and an avid hunter. Bob was a senior layout draftsman at GM Truck and Bus and retired in 1980 after over 24 years of service. On May 18, 1985, he was united in marriage to Beatrice (Kinkle) Madsen in Waterford and moved to Elkton a short time later. He leaves wife, Beatrice; two daughters, Diane (Mary Costello) Holcomb of Pontiac and Karen (Clarence) Bergeron of Clinton Twp., three grandchildren, Joann (Mark) Kenney of Flushing, Doug Lampson of Waterford and Tricia (Dan) Kletke of St. Louis; twenty great grandchildren; a great great grandson; his brother, Allen (Vera) Jarvis and nieces, Lynn (Vince) Anderson of Clinton Twp. and Denise (Jerry) Maison of Warren. Friends may call from 2 to 8 PM Sunday and after 10 AM Monday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Funeral services were conducted 11:00 AM Monday October 25 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton MI. Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Gilda's Club-Metro Detroit 3517 Rochester Rd., Royal Oak 48073



Missouri Winery

Missions is for Everyone

The above title is the slogan for the missions department at the seminary; and with that goal in mind, Tricia and I have signed up to go on a short term, 10 day, mission trip to Guatemala next spring. As part of our cross cultural education, the seminary is sending two mission teams to Guatemala City to minister to the thousands of people who live and work in the Guatemala City dump. From February 26th to March 5th, Tricia and I will work in conjunction with *The Servant's Heart* mission organization (<http://www.TheServantsHeart.org>) to teach Vacation Bible School, pass out food and assist in organizing medical/hygiene clinics to these "social outcasts." Although we are both nervous about what to expect, we are also very excited at this unique opportunity to serve our Lord and gain a new perspective on how richly we've been blessed.

So many friends and family members are already supporting us here at the seminary – and we deeply appreciate your help. However, we have been asked a few times if there was any direct way to help us out; and right now this would be the best way. The cost for the trip is \$1250 for each of us. If you are able to help, tax deductible checks can be made out to The Servant's Heart organization and then mailed to us. We will forward them on and make sure they are credited to our account.

Please pray that in the coming months, the Lord will ease our fears and as we travel, that our short term ministry to the "least of these" would be successful.



Autumn in Missouri

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 2

CPH WAREHOUSE SALE

NOVEMBER 6

KELLY SHEA'S BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 7

PHEASANT HUNTING

NOVEMBER 13 & 14

ANDREW KLETKE'S BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 14

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 25

BRUCE & MONICA KLETKE'S ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 30

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9
