



# GOLDEN AGERS

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## Father's Day Celebration

Father's Day! The day we celebrate the men who helped raise us. I know how lucky I was to have my dad. He was the BEST!

As a dad to FOUR girls, he certainly had his hands full, but he never seemed stressed about it. My home church had several families with multiples of the same gender, so there was a support group (before that was a *thing*). There were 4 Cain boys, 4 Friedner girls, 4 Bowman girls, & FIVE Rountree girls! When asked how he did it, my dad replied, "I keep M&M's on hand."

We knew when being introduced to new folks, to get in line (in birth order) since that's the way the names rolled off of his tongue. We never had to be asked, we just moved into position. It was like watching the Keystone Cops.

Dad taught us that jobs & hobbies were not gender-specific & that if we could read and follow directions, we could learn to do anything!

He was very accommodating to our sometimes odd requests. For example, when I graduated from high school, I thought it would be neat if my orange VW Bug ("Charlie") could be "dressed"

for the occasion as well. He didn't bat an idea at the request. He had a ton of ideas & got to work. It was awesome!

Dad believed in me like nobody else! When I asked for a rather rough piece of furniture for my 17th birthday, he asked if I was sure, then bought it, put it in his shop, & taught me the fine art of furniture restoration.

Mom stayed home & Dad worked at Eastman (with Landis Sandel). We didn't have much money, but we didn't know it. Both parents had a way of making the most with a little.

Dad could fix your car, your washer, and your computer. He remodeled the house and built furniture from the pictures in the Ethan Allen catalog. One of my earliest memories is Dad under a table in their showroom saying, "oh, so that's how they did it." After he built that table, he used it to assemble our first color TV made from a Heath Kit & put it in another piece he copied from the catalog. He even helped Jonathan make his first electric guitar. He could do anything!

He was the best in the world and I miss him like crazy every single day!

**Now for the important stuff.**

**The Week of June 15-21 is:**

- Meet a Mate Week
- National Play Catch Week
- Universal Father's Week
- Royal Ascot Week

**Some celebrations only last a day:**

**15th-Father's Day**

- Nature Photography Day
- National Lobster Day
- National Prune Day
- Turkey Lovers Day

**16th-National Cracker Jack Day**

- National Fudge Day
- National Mascot Day
- Ladies' Baseball Day

**17th-World Crocodile Day**

- Stewarts Root Beer Day
- National Garbage Man Day
- National Cherry Tart Day
- National Apple Strudel Day
- Eat Your Vegetables Day

**18th-National Go Fishing Day**

- International Sushi Day
- National Splurge Day
- Wanna Get Away Day

**19th-Dump The Pump Day**

- Garfield the Cat Day
- National Watch Day
- Recess At Work Day
- World Tapas Day
- National Seashell Day

**20th-American Eagle Day**

- HVAC Technicians Day
- National Ice Cream Soda Day
- International Tennis Day
- Hike With A Geek Day
- Take Your Dog To Work Day
- National Vanilla Milkshake Day
- Tall Girl Appreciation Day

**21st-Cuckoo Warning Day**

- Go Skateboarding Day
- International Surfing Day
- Make Music Day
- National Selfie Day
- Mermaid Day
- Peaches 'n' Cream Day
- National Smoothie Day
- National Day of the Gong
- National Nude in Nature Day
- World Giraffe Day
- World Handshake Day
- World Martini Day
- World Music Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

***Serving Him & Loving it!***

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*Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me."*

