



Golden Agers Rock!

CELEBRATING SENIORS MAKING THE BEST OF THE REST OF THEIR LIVES

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MAY—the Month for Celebrations!

There are so many things to celebrate in May! May 1st alone, has enough to keep you busy for at least a week. If you had told me eight years ago that I would ever “celebrate” May 1st, I would have said you were crazy. On May 1, 2014, we lost one of the greatest men I have ever known, my dad. Dad had a horrible upbringing, but through his faith in God, he overcame it all—becoming a great husband, dad, Grandy, friend, co-worker.

Dad never met a stranger, smiled almost all the time, became a dad to those who had lost theirs, and truly believed that “if you can read and follow directions, you can do anything!” He really lived that!

We never had a repairman at the house. Dad always fixed everything—electricity, plumbing, cars—he even enclosed the garage and built himself a workshop where he built tons of stuff. The joke was that every new project always required a new tool. Mom would bring him a picture and he would reproduce it. One of my early childhood memories is of Dad, lying on his back underneath a table in the Ethan Allen showroom saying, “so that’s how they did that.” Then he went home and did it.

He also built our first color TV. Yep, he built it from a Heath Kit. Lots of soldering and little tiny pieces. Then he built the cabinet to house it (from another picture). As you can imagine, it has been retrofitted a few times over the years, but it still serves as the TV cabinet at Mom’s.

During his time at Carolina Eastman he went from the construction crew to retiring as the (self-taught) Senior Systems Analyst. He traveled and helped them open plants in Mexico, Canada, and Holland. Yes, I’m quite proud of him!!

Do I still miss him? Every. Day. Am I over losing him when he was only 74? No! Then how can I celebrate? Because I know I’ll see him again! I see his sweet smile in all of my kids. I see his wood-working talents in our son, Jonathan. I see his “I can do that” attitude in our daughter Elizabeth who changes the oil in her car. I hear his beautiful voice in all of my kids. And now, I see his mischievous grin in Cody. I look forward to standing next to him in the heavenly choir singing for our Lord!

Dad had a weird sense of humor that he shared with everyone and I think I honor his memory when I approach life as he would—with a smile, a hug, and a slightly offbeat interpretation.

Ok, now on to important stuff!

May is:

- American Cheese Month
- National Asparagus Month
- International Drum Month
- Family Reunion Month
- Gardening for Wildlife Month
- Mediterranean Diet Month
- Military Appreciation Month
- Mystery Month
- National Barbeque Month
- Chamber Music Month
- National Egg Month
- National Hamburger Month
- National Photo Month
- National Salad Month
- National Smile Month
- Sweet Vidalia Onions Month
- National Vinegar Month
- Personal History Month
- Tennis Month
- Textile Month
- Date Your Mate Month

The Week of May 1-8 is:

- Drinking Water Week
- National Family Week
- National Hug Holiday Week
- National Small Business Week
- National Tourism Week
- Children's Book Week
- National Wildflower Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Some Celebrations only last a day.

- 1st-** Amtrak Day
Batman Day
Hug Your Cat Day
National Lemonade Day
National Bubba Day
New Homeowner's Day
World Laughter Day
Chocolate Parfait Day
Mother Goose Day
World Laughter Day
- 2nd-** World Tuna Day
Roberts Rules of Order Day
National Truffle Day
- 3rd-** Lumpy Rug Day
National Teacher Day
Chocolate Custard Day
Raspberry Popover Day
2 Different Colored Shoes Day
Public Radio Day
Wild Koala Day
- 4th-** Great American Grump Out
Star Wars Day
Firefighters Day
Respect for Chickens Day
National Bike to School Day
Petite and Proud Day
Candied Orange Peel Day
National Orange Juice Day
- 5th-** Cartoonists Day
Chanel No. 5 Day
National Hoagie Day
Cinco de Mayo
Mid-Wife Day
Roller Derby Day
National Astronaut Day
National Day of Prayer
National Day of Reason
World Password Day
Totally Chipotle Day

6th- Dandelion Day
National Beverage Day
National Crepe Suzette Day
No Diet Day
No Homework Day
National Nurses Day
Russel Stover Candies Day
School Lunch Hero Day
Tuba Day

7th- Cosmopolitan Day (drink)
Free Comic Book Day
Herb Day
Sauvignon Blanc Day
Kentucky Derby
Learn to Ride a Bike Day
Mariachi Day
National Auctioneers Day

7th (continued)

Play Outside Day
National Scrapbooking Day
National Homebrew Day
National Train Day
Naked Gardening Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

Serving Him & Loving it!

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