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Forever In Our Heart

I actually struggled for a while over this article, primarily because of its very personal nature and who it is about. She was known as Granny to several, sister to ten, Aunt Lucille to the children at Calvary, Mother-in-law to Marsha, Randy and Tom, Ms. Lucille to most, but only three of us could ever call her Mother – Janet, Benita and me. Although that title is forever retired for us now, the memory of her will always be cherished. I know we are not the first to have a parent leave and that is not the intent. She worked at Calvary every day of the Home's existence and actually fell in the parking lot going home from work. (Yes, the Doctors had trouble believing that too.)

If you ever came to our Home, you would probably have met her or talked to her when you called. She was always at the front door waiting to greet you and sincerely thank you for your kindness. She didn't care if your contribution was a thousand dollars, a bag of tomatoes, or a snack for the children, her thanks was genuine. She always told me, "They don't have to give anything to us, but they did and we're grateful." She typically would follow that up with her motherly counsel of "and you always remember that." And I have.

Until the later years, she could remember your vegetable gardens, your surgeries, your church's kindness to us, and would usually remind me to thank you for doing that. I'll surely miss that bit of help! Many friends would even postpone their visit on Fridays because she would take that day off. She would tell folks that I wouldn't let her retire, which was not true, but she just flashed her sheepish grin as she enjoyed making her

darling son look bad, and her friends would look at me as if to say, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself, boy." She is going to have to settle that cute bit of misinformation with the Lord one day. But on the day she fell, she knew I was dealing with a bit of a problem, and I looked up and my almost 97-year-old mother was slowly walking across the room bringing me a fresh cup of coffee she had made. I never asked her for one cup, but she would still bring it and say, "everything will be fine, son." Mothers just know!



During the days after she fell, she kept saying she wanted to go home. Before long, it was apparent to us that she was no longer speaking of Acworth. She had a better destination in mind. Each of us took turns staying in hospice with her but one night I had the unique experience of being there as she exhaled in this world and, we believe, inhaled in the next one. She's with our Dad (Daddy to us) now and they are both Healthy, Happy, and Home.

Our family wants to thank the many who have made a contribution to Calvary in her memory; we truly thank you. I try to acknowledge every gift made in anyone's memory and trust I haven't missed anyone. It is certainly never intentional, but always with heart felt gratitude. We want to pay honor to your loved one also.

In fact, almost this entire volume this season is dedicated to those who have honored their loved one or friends with such kindness. Thank you!



– Snyder Turner, Executive Director

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Calvary's Next P.A.G.E. (building your **Purpose with Attitude, Gratitude, and Effort**) program reflects our uniqueness. It is designed to build on the foundation established by each child's plan of care, assisting our young people graduating from high school and preparing them for the next phase of their lives. Calvary's long-term care plan ensures that our children do not age out when they turn 18. We believe we cannot call ourselves a long-term care program if our children, in whom we have invested so many years, are forced to leave simply because they reach the age of 18.

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Our ultimate goal is to help them become well-rounded individuals—physically, emotionally, and spiritually grounded—so that they can build and maintain healthy relationships and contribute positively to our community.

