



Mrs. Melonee Beanum

January 3, 1958 - November 26, 2005

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Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Dec. 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Melonee Beanum*

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“ Dear Curtis and family and friends of Melonee Beanum, I'm sorry I missed seeing you after work on Thursday; however I had a pleasant visit with some of Mrs. Beanum's friends and co-workers while I was there.

Curtis, your aunt seems to me to have been a young woman, and losing a loved one in the prime of life can challenge our notions about what we want and what God wants.

I am older than you and many in my family have gone. This is something I have grown to understand about love and loss: An important part of what makes each of us who we are - what each of us has become - is other people's perceptions of us: the touch of our hand, the sound of our voice, the thoughts and feelings we cause in others that would not have been thought or felt except for me, or you, or her.

The perceptions of others are more important than the footprints we leave on the earth - the physical evidence of our having passed this way - the things each of us has made or changed or destroyed, found or lost, in our time. Our impressions on the hearts and minds of other people are more important than all those things, because our words and touches stay alive in their lives. The unique character of human life is memory. The life that keeps who we are in our own minds and hearts is the same life that keeps who we are in the minds and hearts of others. It is the life that keeps who she is in you, today and tomorrow and always — like the life of a perennial garden, that grows and turns richer and mellower each year.

I don't yet really understand what Mrs. Beanum meant to you. But I still can offer this advice from experience: do not so much console each other because winter has come - the winter is just a moment; all remains alive. Instead, be good gardeners. Decide now, together, to keep this garden of pieces of all of your hearts where she uniquely and perennially lives, to continue together to care for it and invite each other into it and show each other the special beauties each of you has discovered and known and cared for in your hearts about Melonee Beanum.

Friends, may you grieve but a moment and rejoice forever.

Michael Madigan

*(Co-worker of Curtis Lipscomb)##imported-begin##Michael
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