Berry Chapel Baptist Church

The Day My Mother Forgot
In Memory Of Carolyn Williams My Mother

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There is nothing like a Godly Mother. They are always there for you and they never seem to forget the things you like. My mom was a Godly lady. She kept the family in line and in church all the time because she loved God so much. Each night she would read me Bible Stories and pray for me at bedtime. She taught Sunday School for over 40 years. I have many years of her notes that she used to teach Sunday School. I am so thankful that my mom was always faithful to God and God's House. Through her faithfulness, she showed me how important it is to place your Faith and Trust in God, in all things that happen in life, whether they are big or small.

About 21 years ago on an Easter Sunday, we were having a cookout that evening at my parents' house. My mom loved to eat steaks cooked on the grill. So I fired up the grill getting ready for the cookout and went into the house to get the steaks. I stopped by moms chair and asked her how she would like her steak cooked. She looked at me and said, "You tell Steve I want mine cooked medium." I thought she was just joking when she said, "Tell Steve to cook it medium," because I was Steve. I said Mom I am Steve and she said no you are not. I said, "Yes Mom I am." It happened so fast and quickly I could not believe it. At that time my eyes were open and I saw something was happening to my dear mom. I'll never forget the confusion and hurt I felt the day my mom forgot me. I know it was not her fault but it was a disease that was starting to take control of her body called Alzheimer's. From then on we started seeing Mom going down. She would have her good days when she would remember who I was, and some days she would forget who I was.

It hurt me to see this happening to her because she was the person I could talk to. I could ask her to pray for me, and she would. I remember talking to her about going to Fruitland Bible Institute when God called me to preach. She Prayed. There were times I could not find things in the Bible that I was looking for, I could call her and she would help me find them. When I was confused about church matters she would pray about them, and ask for God to give me knowledge on what I needed to do. She was a great inspiration to me and I believe the greatest prayer warrior I had. Then twenty-one years ago as I have already mentioned Alzheimer's hit my mom. But the most amazing thing I found out during my mom's Alzheimer's was she never forgot how to pray. She may have forgotten me, from time to time, and even other people and things, but she never forgot her Lord and how to pray to Him. She never forgot God's Word that she hid in her heart. The reason I say this is I found myself many times just needing to talk to her about things after she developed this awful disease. I would kneel by her chair at the Brian Center and share with her my heart and how I was struggling and how I needed her to pray for me. I don't know how much she understood what I was telling her, but I do know when I placed my head in her lap hurting she would place those sweet hands on my head and prayed to God for me. She may have not prayed for the things I asked her to, but she Prayed very clearly and directly to the God she knew and had lived for almost all of her life. It was great to know, even though my mom may have forgotten who her son was, she never forgot her Lord. My mom went to be with the Lord on December 10, 2011. Yes, that has been a while back but to me, it seems just like yesterday.

PS. My Mom prayed for me to have a Godly Wife and I Do. Her Name Is Beverly Williams she is the greatest pastor's wife and now she is my greatest prayer warrior. THANKS, MOM FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS

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25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Proverbs 31:25-28

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