

WHAT SHALL WE SAY OF Ollie LIFE?

1. First, I believe we can say that it was a life of helpfulness.

Like the Lord Jesus, Ollie went about doing good. She touched many lives with her good works. She blessed many hearts because of her love. She lifted many people closer to God through her love,...

Although she went out of her way and beyond the call of duty to help others, she never boasted about it. She always kept in the background, willing always that others should have the credit.

And ~~the~~ I believe the reason why we can say this is best expressed in the words of the family.....Ollie loved people. She was a loving person....

(Read I Cor 13)

2. Secondly, I believe we can say that Ollie kept faith with her husband and family. She loved her husband and children.

(Read names of family)

You know, when two people enter the bonds of marriage, they do so as an adventure of faith. They accept each other on faith, taking their vows, "For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer." Faith is a lovely thing at the marriage altar, but it is far more lovely after 56 wedding anniversaries.

And I am sure that Ollie and Willie could testify to the truth of I Cor 13:13..."now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

Yes, she kept faith with her husband; but she also kept faith with her children.

When parents bring children into the world, that too, is an adventure of faith. They cannot be sure the child will be sick or health. They do not know whether the child will be bering honor or shame to the family; they proceed with love and faith.

The poet Gilliam said of his mother"
"She was my own until I fully knew
And never could forget how deep and true
A Mother's love for ~~his~~ own son may be.
It drew me nearer God himself; for He has
loved his son. These are but grateful tears
That she was with me all those happy years."

Ollie kept faith with her husband and her family.

3 But her ^{life} life tells of the blessed hope.

When a chirstian leaves us, it is not forever. We have a hope, a hope backed by the words of Jesus. It is the hope of another life, where we shall be with Jesus and where we shall see our loved ones again. The Apostle Paul said it ^{very well} ~~so beautifully~~. "IF in this life only, we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Oh, no..we have a blessed and wonderful hope. Our hope is in Jesus and eternal life.

They have triumphed who have died;
They have passed the porches wide,
Leading from the House of Night
To the splendid lawns of light,
They have gone on that far road
Leading to their new abode,
And from curtained casements we
watch their going wistfully.

They have won, for they have read
The bright secrets of the dead;
And they gain the deep unknown,
Hearing Life's strange undertone.
In the race across the days
They are victors; theirs the praise,
Theirs the glory and the pride
They have triumphed, having died.

And so let ~~of~~ us say of OLLIE Smith,