



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

My Mother-In-Law

Lenore Elizabeth Humphreys (Parry) was born 12:01 AM November 1, 1930, at home, in [Kingston, Pa.](#) She was named after the lady next door. Her parents were David Parry and Ethel Parry. She also had a younger brother William and a younger sister by eight years, Jackie. An older brother was stillborn. The first to leave earth was her father, who fell out of a car while driving. The remaining family members are now in Heaven.

She grew up during the Great Depression and World War II. Her father had a good job working for [Hazard Okonite Company](#), in Wilkes-Barre, putting insulation on wires. Her mother did house cleaning. Even during the Depression, they had money for a weekly ice cream treat. She remembers that her father brought home a copy of the company's E Award for the war. She remembers hearing the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the dropping of the atomic bombs. She had to go to the theater and pay a quarter to see the [newsreels](#) of the day. Her elementary school was next door to her house. She graduated from Kingston High School in 1948.

Lenore worked in a department store and as a [soda jerk](#) in a drug store. Her first full-time job was at [Merck](#) pharmaceutical company with headquarters in Kenilworth, New Jersey. She was hired as a mail clerk and worked up to Assistant Secretary to [Dr Woodruff](#), who was later inducted into Rutgers's Hall of Distinguished Alumni. She stayed with her Aunt Betty who lived in New Jersey and went home on weekends for two years.

Lenore met James Humphreys very early in life. They were fourth cousins, lived on the same street and went to the same school. He asked her for a first date on the evening before he was to enlist in the army. She said not unless you go to church with me that morning. He was sent to the [Korean War](#) as an MP. There he guarded [Gen. MacArthur](#) once. They did not see each other for two years, but they fell in love by mail. It was by mail, he asked her to marry him. His sister helped Lenore pick a ring. When he had leave on Thanksgiving, he came home. Within a few weeks, they had their wedding.

Then in January, he was sent to Camp Cooke (now [Vandenberg Space Force Base](#)) in California. She followed him and got an apartment in nearby Santa Marie. She was there 1.5 years. She worked as a baby-sitter for her landlord who paid her in salt and pepper shakers. She flew home pregnant. She remembered it took 11 hours. Jim was discharged and arrived home just in time for the birth of their first child Donna. Their next child was my wife, Susan. Their third daughter Pamela Jean died within twenty days of birth. Their fourth daughter Jackie came eight years after Susan. During Lenore's life, she moved over 17 times.

In 1995, while on vacation at the Outer Banks, with Lenore, Jackie, my wife Susan, our two young boys and myself, we got an urgent call. Jim, who was at home, had a stroke. While driving home, we called. It was then, we learned he went to be with the Lord. In 2005, Jackie left us mostly due to congestive heart failure. My mother-in-law then moved in with us. Last year, she got over 100 cards for her 90th birthday.

Lenore was born one minute after Halloween Day and one minute into [All Saints Day](#). She accepted Christ as her Savior while attending Happy Hour, during her elementary years, at the First Baptist Church. As a teenager she attended church camp with the young [Billy Graham](#) as the preacher. Both she and her brother were baptized on the same day. Jim and her faithfully took their daughters to Gospel preaching churches. They financially supported several missionaries and many times had Christian guests in their home. She taught teenage girls Sunday School and sang in the choir. With the help of others, she started mission cupboards, in three different churches, which supplied missionaries with items.

My Mother-in-law was born a sinner and was a sinner by choice. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom 3:23 She was on her way to Hell. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev 20:15 The life and good works that she had done could not get her into Heaven. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph 2:8-9 But she confessed her sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9. Then she confessed Jesus Christ. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom 10:9 She than became God's Saint.



Lenore & James


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"Called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord." I Cor 1:2 "

You may not be an in-law but are you a Saint of God?



With my son, Ben.

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