

THE HOWLING DAWG

October 2020

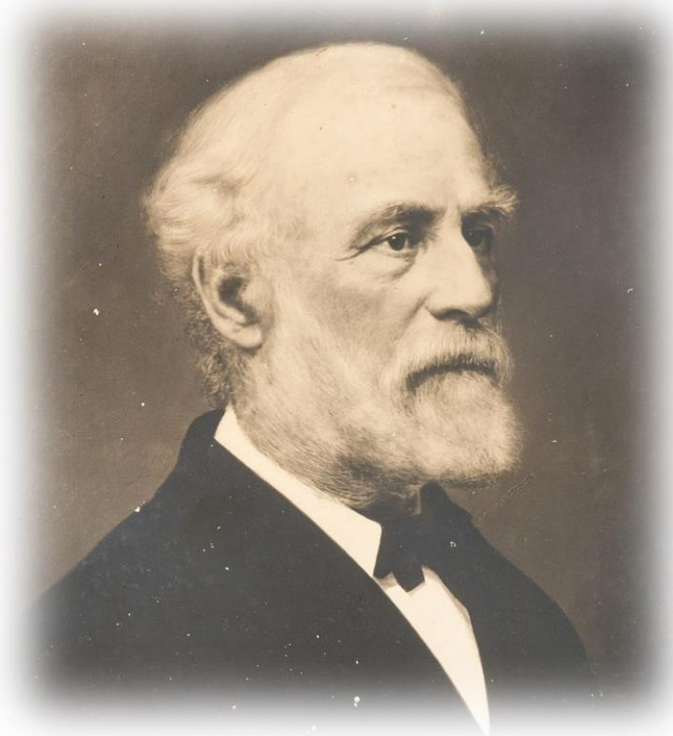
16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G
"The Jackson Rifles"



"Everybody and everything—his family, his friends, his horse, and his dog, 'Spec'—loves Lee."

"I have fought a good fight ..." - 2 Timothy 4:7

THE LAST DAYS OF GENERAL LEE

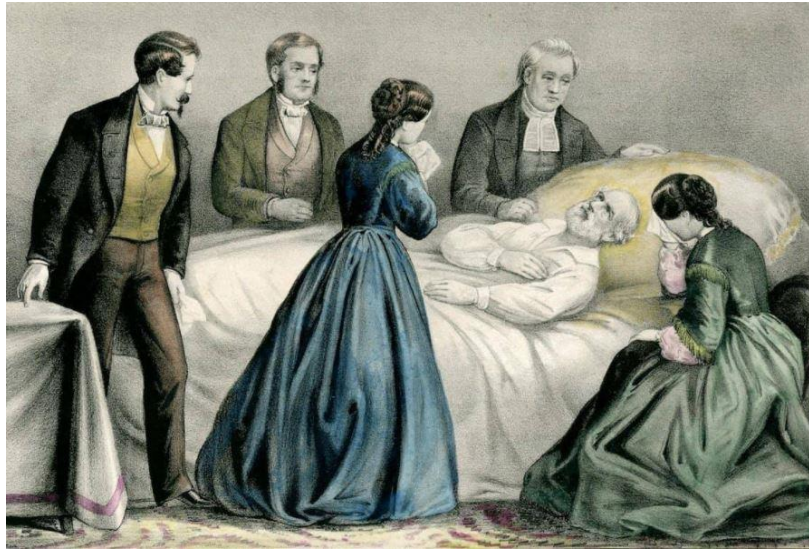


Miley & Son, 1868

150 years ago, this month, on the morning of Wednesday, October 12, 1870, General Robert E. Lee passed away from pneumonia while surrounded by his family at home in Lexington, Virginia. The pneumonia followed a stroke that had occurred two weeks earlier. Despite death looming, Lee maintained composure that he accumulated over his lifetime during his last two weeks of life. Lee's wife, Mary Anna Custis, described her husband's last two weeks in a letter to a dear friend.

THE LAST DAYS OF GENERAL LEE

General Lee suffered a stroke on Wednesday, September 28, 1870 after attending a meeting at his church. He returned home to have tea with his awaiting family. Mary Custis Lee remarked "You have kept us waiting a long time. Where have you been?" He did not reply. Instead, he stood as if he was about to say grace, but he did not utter a word. Lee quietly sat back down in his seat with a breath of resignation.



Deathbed scene, BY Currier & Ives: On the left is the General's son Custis Lee; a doctor; his youngest daughter, Mildred; a preacher, and another daughter, Agnes Lee.

Mrs. Lee said "That look was never to be forgotten, and I have no doubt he felt that his hour had come..." Doctors promptly arrived to aid the ailing Lee and remained by his side over the last two weeks of his life. Mary Custis explained that, "He never smiled and rarely attempted to speak, except in his dreams, and then he wandered to those dreadful battle-fields." At one point, Lee began to feel better. A doctor said "You must soon get out and ride your favorite gray!" referring to his horse, Traveller. The General did not reply as he closed his eyes and shook his head emphatically. He was stubborn about taking his medicine, saying once to his daughter Agnes, "It's no use," even though he would always take it afterwards. In his final hours, Lee slept a great deal. It became more certain to doctors and his family that his case was hopeless. His pulse was weak and rapid as his breathing grew heavier. Despite his tiredness, he was still able to recognize his family, and he loved having them around, greeting them with all with a gentle press to their hands. Slightly after nine o'clock on the morning of October 12, he at last sank to rest as his eyes closed to the world. The old hero had lost his final battle as a deep sigh drew across his face. "What a glorious rest was in store for him!" said Mrs. Lee.

After death Lee was resented by some Northerners because they viewed him as a traitor for siding with the Confederacy. For generations of Southerners, he became a symbol of the virtues of the Old South. At Washington College in Virginia, Lee served as president and publicly deprecated violence. After his death, the college changed its name to Washington and Lee College. Lee is remembered not only as a brilliant military leader, but also for his faith in GOD and lifetime of conduct.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." – Jeremiah 29:11

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Roy Blount, *Robert E. Lee: A Life* (New York: Penguin Group, 2006), 161-162.

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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The page 1 image is a "gelatin silver print depicting one of the final photographic portraits of Confederate General Robert Edward Lee, taken in 1868 by Michael Miley and printed from the 1868 negative by Henry Miley in the early 20th century.

SIGNS OF A BROKEN HEART



When Robert E. Lee died at age 63, five years after the War ended, the cause of his death had doctors stumped. He had been in poor health, but his specific illness was a mystery; there weren't many clues beyond symptoms Lee had described in letters written during the War: *"The troops are not encamped near me and I have felt so unwell since my return as not to be able to go anywhere,"* he wrote to his wife on March 27, 1863. He had not been sleeping well and he contracted a serious throat infection which settled into what seemed to be a pericarditis. His arm, chest, and back were attacked with sharp paroxysms of pain that suggest even the possibility of angina.

Symptoms continued and in a letter to his wife on April 19, 1863 he said: *"I am feeble & worthless & can do but little."* After Gettysburg, Lee wrote to Jefferson Davis asking to be relieved of command on August 8, 1863: *"I sensibly feel the growing failure of my bodily strength. I have not yet recovered from the*

attack I experienced last spring. I am becoming more and more incapable of exertion... Everything, therefore points to the advantages to be derived from a new commander..."

These symptoms persisted throughout the war and gradually progressed after Lee's return to civilian life. Lee moved to Lexington Virginia where he was appointed as the President of Washington College. In a letter to a friend, General Chilton, April 7, 1870, Lee reported progressive symptoms: *"I am suffering from an aggravation of the attack I had in '63, just before the Battle of Chancellorsville"*. In another letter on April 11: *"... I feel no change in the stricture of my chest. If I attempt to walk beyond a very slow gait, the pain is always there."* His pain progressed to rest angina and on April 18, 1870, he wrote: *"I still have the pain in my chest whenever I walk. I have felt it occasionally of late when quiescent, but not badly, which is new."*

This, of course, was before electrocardiograms and x-rays existed. There were no obvious physical findings to support a formal diagnosis, either. Lee's doctors made some educated guesses based on his words and treated him with everything they could think of: hot mustard plasters and footbaths, doses of turpentine or ammonia, and enemas - all of which were standard medical treatments of that era. Without any medical history to guide them, the doctors diagnosed stroke, rheumatism, and pneumonia in the months leading up to Lee's death.

In our time, research from East Carolina University sheds light on the age-old question of what actually caused Lee's death, thanks to the discovery in a photograph of a crease running diagonally across Lee's right earlobe. According to a case study, published in the American Journal of Cardiology, the crease is a physical sign that Lee likely died from heart disease. Richard Reinhart, an emeritus professor of medicine at East Carolina University and author of the paper, says earlobe creases can help detect heart disease. Some previous reports had, indeed, pointed to heart disease as the cause of Lee's death based on written evidence, but "until now there was no actual physical finding supporting this diagnosis," Reinhart says. "His earlobe crease is the only piece of objective physical evidence that helps back it up. "It was said by his physicians, "General Lee died of a broken heart, and its strings were snapped at Appomattox!" 1869 (photograph courtesy of the Virginia Historical Society). American Journal of Cardiology Vol.120, Issue 2, 15 July 2017, Pages 327-330

150 Years Ago - By Larry Upthegrove

Saturday, October 1, 1870: In Richmond it has not rained an unusual amount but a continuous rain in the mountains that form the drainage basin for the James River has swollen the mountain streams which are now affecting the James. The river was not rising at Richmond this morning but by evening the rate of rise is about 18" per hour. There has been no flood since the great one of 1771, and much development has transpired in the lowlands since memory of that disaster faded.

In Atlanta, GA., diarist Sam Richards has different problems: "Our well, being very low, the water only 8 inches deep. Our 'sugar' cow does not meet our expectations as she gives scarcely one gallon of milk a day."

Sunday, October 2, 1870: It is a dreary, rainy, morning in America this Sunday morning. An Atlanta resident, a book seller, tells about it in his diary: "Sunday 2 This morning was quite rainy, so our School and Service was very poorly attended. Dr. B's text was 'God with us' or the Incarnate Word.—This afternoon the sun shone bright and clear and the prospect was fair for a good attendance at our first night service; but a heavy rain came suddenly up just before dark and made the ground very wet again and for some reason our bell has not rung so we did not go to church. Mrs. Brantley went out this morning to set the fashion. I hope that it may be followed as I think that it is wrong for Christians to be kept away from God's house by a little rain and mud. I went over to see the old folks for an hour this aft' as usual. They look for me now at the same hour."

In Atlanta, by telegraph, the news of flooding in Virginia has now reached the population here. Today's "Intelligencer" reports that, "The River here rose twenty-five feet last night, and this morning is within a foot of the Danville Railroad bridge and Mayo's passenger bridge. The streets for four or five blocks in the vicinity of the Old Market, in the lower part of the city are submerged in four feet of water. Thousands of persons are on the river banks waiting for the bridges to go. The citizens are volunteering to remove the tobacco from the warehouses on the river bank, and the scenes are full of excitement." The James River will be 30.7 feet above flood stage.

Monday, October 10, 1870: In Atlanta, GA, today is Monday so no newspapers are printing today. Sam Richard's, diary posting from last night reads: "Sunday 9. This is my wife's birthday; she is 37 years old – a real old lady! The children gave her a pair of neat vases for a present— We have had a beautiful Autumn day, clear and crisp, and we have heard two sermons in our own church. Also, in Atlanta, yesterday's "Constitution" had this about the upcoming fair: "We are informed that the Ladies Memorial Association of this city, will, during the Fair give two of the grandest pyrotechnical exhibitions ever witnessed here, since that given by the Manager Sherman. We understand that among the novelties will be the representation in fireworks, of the battle of Chancellorsville, General Lee and his officers, and the bombardment of Atlanta."

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Wednesday, October 12, 1870: In Lexington, Virginia, at Washington College, the President of the school, Confederate General Robert E. Lee, who had a stroke exactly two weeks ago, is dead today. According to one account, his last words are: "Tell Hill he must come up! Strike the tent.".....Obtaining a casket for the Great General could have been a problem in that the three that the local funeral home had delivered on their last order have been washed away by the flooding of the Maury River. However, two neighborhood boys found one of the caskets on the river's bank and it is in good shape. The vessel is a little too short so the great General will have to be buried without his shoes on, somehow symbolic.

Friday, October 14, 1870: In Atlanta, GA, we were informed on October 6 that the laying of the cornerstone of the Confederate Memorial at Oakland Cemetery tomorrow, the 15'th of October. Instead of canceling that event because tomorrow is also the day of burial of General Lee, it has been decided to make that event a part of the City's tribute to Lee. General Lee is moved today from his home in Lexington, Virginia to the Chapel he had constructed on the Washington University campus where his funeral will be held tomorrow. Traveling in Virginia is still very difficult because of flooding in lower portions of the State.

The Masons hold ceremonies while laying the corner stone of the new Confederate Memorial at the southeastern corner. A bottle of wine that was kept from 1861 was poured over it. In Lexington, at the same time as the services in Atlanta, the burial service for General Lee is being conducted. Roads are still flooded so the town is isolated. Visitors, Washington College students and the cadets from nearby VMI move slowly through the Episcopal Lee Chapel viewing the body Lee. Seated are those who served in battle with Lee. Burial follows in the Chapel basement. Kentucky Negroes are chastised by their own for voting Democrat.



150 Years Ago - By Larry Upthegrove

Saturday, October 15, 1870: In Atlanta, Ga., at ten o'clock, most of the citizens gather this morning at the State Capitol building for ceremonies honoring Robert E. Lee. The gathering is then led by the Marshall of the Day, G.W. Anderson from Marietta Street to Broad St., across the bridge to Alabama, then to Whitehall, turning on Hunter Street up to City Hall, where prayers, music and a very moving speech is made by General Gordon. After Gordon, there is music by the band and Carrie Berry's future Father-in-Law, Rev. William Crumley gives a touching benediction. The crowd is then led to Hunter Street and eastward on Hunter to the City Graveyard (later called Oakland)



Lee Chapel, Washington College, during funeral services for President Lee

Monday, October 17, 1870: In Atlanta, Ga, today is Monday and printers were off the day before yesterday to be able to attend the services for Lee and off yesterday for Sunday, so no newspapers for two days.

Sunday, October 23, 1870: In Atlanta, Sam Richards writes "*the great Fair has been a-going for four days-a good many strangers are in the city.* In the fair, there is much more than racing and jousting. There are musical contests, dancing exhibitions, craft displays and foods competitions. There is no "Midway" as such but there are several side-shows. However, the most important to the thousands of farmers attending are the displays of the most modern farm equipment available. Even the best of the old standard equipment are on exhibit such as a Studebaker Exhibition Wagon from the 1870's

45th annual Memorial Service for Capt. Henry Wirz



The 45th annual Memorial Service for Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp, will be held in the town of Andersonville on Sunday afternoon, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. As usual, the Memorial Service is sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 and the public is invited to attend. Our Muckalee Guards will provide Honor Guard Service, and Anderson's Battery (Artillery Unit) will perform at the conclusion of the Service near the Capt. Wirz monument.

Guest Speaker for the Memorial Service will be Mrs. Lunelle McCallister from Temple Terrace, Florida. Her husband, Mr. David McCallister, is an attorney, and has been involved in a number of court cases

involving Southern Civil Rights. He is the attorney that is filing the Request for a Presidential Pardon for the Wirz family. Mrs. McCallister has been active in the Florida United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) in many ways, including the chartering of the UDC Chapter in Temple Terrace, and serving as its first President. She has spoken around the country, and has been active in many Southern organizations promoting our heritage. She and her husband have attended several of the annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Services.

I hope that all who can will take time to come to Andersonville on the afternoon of November 8 to honor Capt. Henry Wirz who gave his life for our Confederate Cause. Please bring your friends and families with you. Past SCV Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow is planning on attending. In case of rainy or cold weather, the Service will be held in the Andersonville Village Hall which is just up the street from the Wirz monument.

If you desire additional information, contact James Gaston by email at gaston7460@bellsouth.net or by phone or text at 229-938-9115.



CATHY'S CLOWN

The Humor of Kenny Stancil

Two hunters got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful in their venture and bagged six big bucks. The pilot came back, as arranged, to pick them up. They started loading their gear into the plane, including the six elk. But the pilot objected and he said, "The plane can only take four of your elk, you will have to leave two behind." They argued with him that the year before they had shot six and the pilot had allowed them to put all aboard. The plane was the same model and capacity. Reluctantly, the pilot finally permitted them to put all six aboard. But when they attempted to take off and leave the valley, the little plane could not make it and they

crashed into the wilderness. Climbing out of the wreckage, one hunter said to the other, "Do you know where we are?" "I think so," replied the other hunter. "I think this is about the same place where we landed last year!"

The newlywed wife said to her husband when he returned from work, "I have great news for you. Pretty soon, we're going to be three in this house instead of two." Her husband ran to her with a smile on his face and delight in his eyes. He was glowing with happiness when she said, "I'm glad that you feel this way since tomorrow morning, my mother is moving in with us."

Families are like fudge...mostly sweet with a few nuts. *Love y'all, Kenny*

QUOTES

"We separated, North from South, because of incompatibility of temper. We are divorced because we have hated each other so."

- Mary Chesnut from A Diary from Dixie

"[GOD] will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." - Isaiah 25:8-9

"... soldiers were inclined to fear the doctor and his dreadful remedies, as many Americans did." - George Worthington Adams from Journal of Southern History, May 1940

WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY

J. Melvin Comer

September 29, 1935 – October 6, 2020 (age 85)



J. Melvin (Pop) Comer, 85, of Gray passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2020. A graveside service was held Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM at Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family greeted friends thirty minutes prior at the graveside. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund, 129 Gladys Place, Gray, GA. 31032. Melvin was born September 29, 1935 to the late J.T. and Martha Comer. He is survived by his son, Thomas Comer (Rita), daughter, **Beth Colvin (Earl)**; grandchildren, Amy Thompson (Eric), Amber Roberts (Mark), Heather Comer Tant (Joey), Brandon Comer (Cayla); great grandchildren, Jacob Thompson, Jaden Thompson, Charli Grace Comer and McCoy Comer; and one sister, Vivian Brooks (Ralph). Melvin was preceded in death by his first wife Joyce Wells Comer and second wife, Rachel Comer; two brothers, James Comer and Malcolm Comer; two sisters, Iona Etheridge and Betty Fay

Pittman. Serving at his service as pall bearers were, Sidney Pittman, Jimmy Comer, John Comer, Mark Roberts, Eric Thompson, Brandon Comer, and Joey Tant. Hart's Mortuary and Cremation Center, Jones County Chapel had charge of arrangements.

Ruth M. Stevens

April 12, 1947 – October 24, 2020 (age 73)

Ruth M. Stevens, 73, of Macon and Jones County, passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2020 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Dr. Frank C. Meisner DVM and Margaret Malone Woody Meisner of Atlanta. She was a 1965 graduate of Northside High School in Atlanta and a 1969 graduate of Mercer University. Mrs. Stevens retired from Star Choices after 40 years. She was formerly a member of the Macon Jaycettes, the Macon Association for Retarded Citizens, and was a member of the Sidney Lanier Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy #25. She was also a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Mrs. Stevens is survived by her husband of 52 years, **Thomas E. Stevens (SCV Camp 18 Cmdr.)** and her daughters, **Jennifer Stevens (Lee) O'Kelley** and **Kristen Stevens (Tom) Dorety**; her



grandchildren, Jordan, Tommy, Brendan, and Emily; one bonus granddaughter, Morgan O'Kelley. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM Oct. 30 in Riverside Cemetery (Madison St.) with Father Patrick Tuttle will officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Cannonball House 856 Mulberry Street, Macon 31201 or to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon. Snow's Memorial Chapel, Bass Road, had arrangements.



INDIAN PUDDING

Into 2 quarts (8 cups) of scaled milk, stir 1 ½ cups of Indian meal (yellow), 1 tablespoon of ground ginger and ½ teaspoon of salt. Let this stand for 20 minutes. Add 1 cup of molasses, 2 beaten eggs, and a piece of butter the size of common walnut (1 rounded tablespoon). Bake 2 hours in a buttered pan in a slow to moderate oven (325 degrees). Serve warm with whipped cream and a light sprinkling of freshly grated nutmeg. This receipt serves a lot of people.

BLACKBERRY MUSH

1 quart fresh picked blackberries

½ cup water

¾ cup sugar

3 tbsps. Cornstarch

½ tsp vanilla

Wash and pick over the blackberries, discarding the imperfect ones. Add water and boil until berries are soft. Mash through a strainer. Mix sugar and cornstarch and add. Return to heat to boil until thick, stirring constantly. Add vanilla and chill. Serve with cream or milk. Enjoy!

THE 16TH GEORGIA CO. G - "The Jackson Rifles"

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Musician - Al M.cGalliard - 478-259-5786

ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". And @ scv2218.com



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SCHEDULED & RE-SCHEDULED 2020 EVENTS

November 8 - Wirz Memorial Service - Town of Andersonville 3pm

November 21 - Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration - *Canceled*

December - Richland Church - *Canceled*

THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER #2218

Of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia



Our Camp (2218) suspended meetings in March 2020 but resumed in August. Attendance was down but we anticipated that. As is our custom, we will not meet in November or December. We do plan to host a January 21, 2021 Lee-Jackson celebration at our normal meeting place in Gray, GA. Moreover, we plan subsequent meetings in 2021 from February – October. Some have already contacted us about guest speaker slots. If interested, please write Adjutant Dobson (waynedobson51@yahoo).

In our middle Georgia area the United Daughters of The Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans work in harmony. We often attend each other's meetings and functions. That is not always the case, elsewhere, but there has never been a time that we needed to be allies for The Cause more than right now! We have no time for petty squabbling insignificant disagreements.

At the September and October 2020 meetings of Camp 2218 we enjoyed the incoming



President (Dr. Renee Sullivan) and immediate past President (Crystal Jump) of The Sidney Lanier Chapter (#25/Macon, GA) United Daughters of The Confederacy as our guest speakers. As avid historians these two ladies often avail themselves of opportunities to travel to historic sites, reenactments, celebrations and other such functions. This Fall has been no

exception. Below are just some of the pictures they graciously shared as a result of their trips. Renee writes that there were "980 folks at Beauvoir, (upper left) including the President CSA and First Lady. We even ran into Tim Hawkins and Wayne Scarborough (Warner Robins SCV and Mechanized Cavalry)." Included, also, is a good photo of Crystal and Renee at Ft. McDermott, AL and the tent encampment at Manassas, GA. Jwd

YOUR PRAYER LIST

We are "persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the LORD JESUS, that the life also of JESUS might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for JESUS' sake, that the life also of JESUS might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." - 2 Corinthians 4:9-11

We are still here and still standing. Standing in the need of prayer – MORE THAN EVER. You may not recognize many of the names on this page, but does that really matter? They represent real people – genuine needs. Just because you do not know them personally nor the nature of their circumstance does not mean that you cannot pray for them. Bow your heart and head for a moment – just a moment - and ask GOD to meet these needs – ALL OF THEM – according to HIS will ...

Beth Colvin & family - Dan & Sheri Williams - Kim & Janine Beck - Keith Beck - Tom Stevens & family Rob Luke - Jim Boone - Rev. Joey Young and family - J.C. Nobles - Brenda Dobson - Madeline Sanders - Rev. Gary Berrier - Voncille Sark - Bob Holloway - Steve & Ricky Smith & family - Ben (Cooter) Jones - Cathy Wheeler - Reba Aultman - Kasey Larson - Matt Whitehead - Will Butler - Val & Ed Elliott - Tommy Wright - Gale Red - Ethan & Crystal Bloodworth - Ty & Gina Burnsed - Harold & Toni Buchanan - Jack & Jim Munday - Dale & Becky Rankin - Kay Busbee - Roy and Dana Myers - Rev. Alan Farley - Mrs. & Mrs. Burns - Richard Durham as well as, those who preach & teach The WORD, our heritage, UDC, C.S.A., U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics & Firefighters, Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers, Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families, For America, Bibb County, Georgia, The Cannonball House Staff, Our enemies, for the unspoken requests and those I forgot to put on this list ... And for Me & You, that we witness boldly, risking awkwardness and seeming to be foolish. Especially those infected with COVID-19 and fighting for their lives and those faithfully ministering help to them. Please, let me know of others that should be on this list. Pray with the confidence that GOD loves you so very much.

***PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER - Steve Smith - cancer free
10/27/20***

"... in all these things we are more than conquerors through HIM that loved us."

Romans 8:37

ANDERSONVILLE (GA) OCTOBER 3-4, 2020



MANASSAS (GA) OCTOBER 17-18, 2020

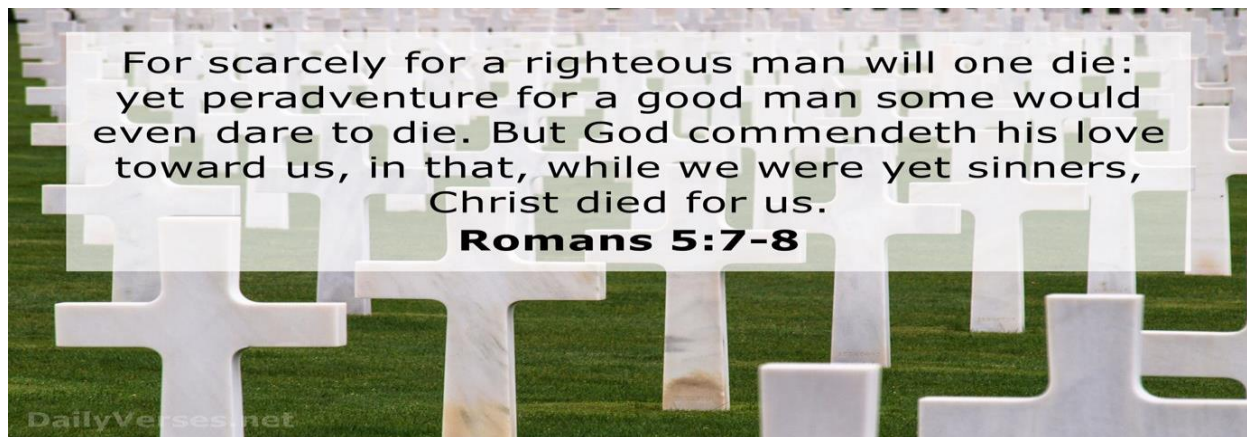


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PALATKA (FL) OCTOBER 23-25, 2020



FOR US



Of all the things acts of history, one stands above all. CHRIST DIED FOR US. It is hard for mortal man to understand how "the greatest treasure of Heaven was sacrificed to win back the worst sinners on earth." LIKE ME! "If you ever wonder how much GOD loves you, remember THE CROSS." Not only did THE LORD JESUS CHRIST die for us, but it was a horrible death. The gruesome details that we know only scratch the surface. Even convicted killers, during our time, are given more mitigated circumstances by lethal injection. "If there is a scripture that sums up the message of the Gospel, it is found at the top of this page.

What does Romans 5:7-8 mean FOR US? The passage starts with "BUT GOD." "These two words are the greatest transitional words in the entire Bible. Regardless of what is going on when these two words appear, everything changes. In other words, it doesn't matter what was happening before; when GOD intervenes something is about to happen."

Verse 7 further clarifies the two words, "BUT GOD: *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die..."* In War, soldiers sometimes sacrifice themselves for a Cause for a Country and even their fellow soldiers. In Macon, Georgia there is a monument to Rodney Davis, a young Marine who, in Vietnam, fell on a hand grenade to protect those fellow soldiers in the immediate vicinity. It is rare – almost unlikely – that anyone will die for someone else.

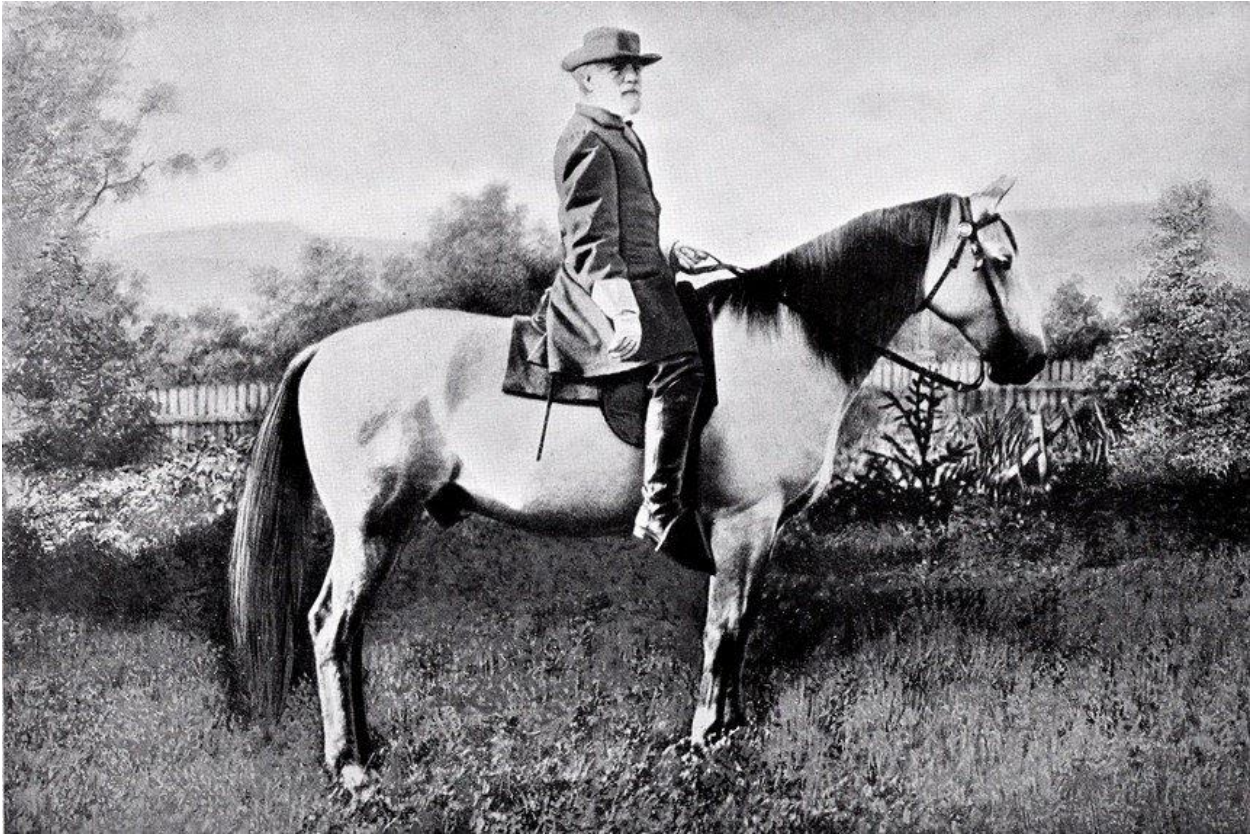
"Yet here is where the "BUT GOD" comes into play. GOD offered JESUS as a sacrifice, not for those who were righteous or who were even good. GOD offered JESUS for US who were sinners. There is no one who would be willing to do that." We might die for our children or our grandchildren but for a bunch of sinners – NO WAY!

"Imagine for a second an innocent man on death row. You know he's not guilty, but he is set to be executed. Would you be willing to die in that man's place? Most people would not – even in the face of the tragedy of an innocent man being executed – give their life in exchange. JESUS did. This is exactly what God did for us. This is the "BUT GOD."

GOD backs up the message of The Gospel. HE did not just say HE loved us – HE proved it beyond any shadow of doubt. GOD gave HIS *"only begotten SON"* (John 3:16). "The real proof of love is not just by what you say, it is by what you do. As much as GOD could say HE loves us if he left us in our sinful condition, without offering a way out, then that would not be love."

GOD did not wait on US to clean up our act. HE was not about to wait on us to be "good enough." That was NOT going to happen, no way, no how. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" –Jwd 10/28/20 Quotes are from The King James Bible and Clarence L. Haynes Jr. **-17-**

FOLLOWING INTO DEATH



Traveller, the horse that was his closest companion during War became his instrument in finding peace. Not long after General Lee's death in October, 1870, Traveller stepped on a rusty nail in his stall and died of tetanus. He is buried within yards of his master, just outside the Lee Chapel in Lexington Virginia.

Thirty-second Georgia Infantry



32nd Georgia Infantry • Battle of Olustee • February 20, 1864

Research is being sought and collected for an upcoming book about the 32nd Georgia. Anyone with such information and willing to share it please contact:

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