

Sunday, November 5, 2017 - Grief Gives Way to Joy

My wife and I grieve today for a dear friend. She's a member of this group, a lady who has been of more encouragement to me through the years than I probably deserved and simply one of the sweetest individuals you will ever have the blessing of knowing. We weep for and with her this night for her husband has passed away.

In time, I want to share with this group about this man who so comfortably rests this evening in the bosom of Abraham. I want to share with you because he was such a great man of God. A former elder, a bible scholar in so many ways and a great teacher of God's truth. I will hold off for a more appropriate time.

There is a principle taught around what to do for grieving people. It's called the three H's: individuals need us "to HANG around, HUG them, and HUSH."

Linda, I can only imagine your pain this evening as you deal with the reality which is now facing you. Your Spiritual family (both at the congregation you attend and those you have endeared yourself to through the years) is here for you. We will hang around you as much as you need us. We are counting the moments until we can embrace you in our arms. We are here to listen to you and help you in any way we can.

I hope you understand how tremendously loved you are!

God bless you sweet lady!

Would all of you please keep Linda in your daily prayers over the coming months for God to comfort her and ease her pain.

Chuck