

At the time that he asked if I would read the Eulogy he prepared, Scott also asked if I would say a few words about Della.

If I were to compile a group of adjectives to describe Della, my list would be very similar to Scott's because that was Della. From that list I want to briefly focus on just two.

First, Della's unwavering faith. Della was a devout Christian and wore that badge with honor and never tried to hide she was a true follower of Jesus and his Word. You may have noticed a worn and well used Bible with Della in her casket. That Bible didn't get in that condition by being hidden in a drawer or sitting on a shelf but by being read and studied over and over and over. More importantly, it wasn't just read and studied, it was practiced on a daily basis.

Which leads me to my second adjective...Non-judgmental. I can honestly say that over my entire lifetime I don't ever recall Della saying anything bad about or criticizing anyone...ever. Needless to say, that is a very enviable trait. The world needs more Dellas.

With any death, there is always some degree of grief and sorrow. But today, probably a little less so.

Why, certainly not because Della wasn't loved but because Della had a very good life. She lived for over 95 years, most without major health issues, had a good marriage, accomplished much, and was simply a very good person. Della's is truly a case of where today we are celebrating a life that was lived to its fullest.

Della, may you rest in peace.