

# Grace Notes

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## A Remembrance

### George "Robbie" Robinson

George "Robbie" Robinson, beloved husband of Jean Robinson, died on May 7, 2009 at Home Place in Oak Harbor. The memorial service for Robbie will be held on June 6, 2009 at St. Stephen Episcopal Church, 555 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, in the Main Sanctuary of the church. The service time is 10:00 am. A reception will follow the service at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.



Robbie was a loving husband, wise Dad and fun-loving grandfather. Jean and Robbie were married for 64 years. They had two sons, Bradford and Gary; a daughter-in-law, Cathi; and two grandsons, Kyle and Casey.

Robbie was a retired Air Force Colonel and flew for Pan American Airways. He was Commander of the Air Force ROTC program at Washington State University in Pullman.

Memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington (12721 30<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Suite 101, Seattle, WA 98125).

Please keep Robbie, Jean and their family in your prayers

## Knitting in the Pew

I just finished an afghan. That isn't so unusual but this afghan is the first real *project* afghan I've ever knitted. I've thrown stitches on a needle or crochet hook and looped a big thing together and called it an afghan, but my newly finished afghan is a work of art! To be truthful, it's more like a wool blanket.

My friend Janet started the whole thing by inviting me to attend a class at our local knitting shop. I wanted to do something new, so I went along. Knitting isn't a new activity for me. I've knitted lots of socks, and I've knitted sweaters, even those Aran bulky things, and I've knitted shawls with feather weight and cobweb soft yarns, but this afghan was a challenge. It was 12 different squares, all using new and challenging techniques. Some knitters knit mindlessly, never changing the way they knit and what they knit. It's like a mind meditation. Others love a new project because it gives them something new to learn and try out, even to the point of failure. I usually fit into the former category, but I was game and went to the class.

Wow! I learned about new methods of casting on (the very beginning technique for a knitter), new ways of increasing and decreasing, lace patterns, cable patterns, intrelac and Fair Isle (using different colors in special ways), how to knit three different kinds of pockets, and the best way to knit things together so they don't look like they have a big old seam down them. I was busy knitting on my afghan for months, and last night I finished it. It was amazing when I opened it up, spreading it all out to see what the whole thing looked like. It was a rectangle; it had the edges all finished and beautiful. It was interesting to look at with all those different squares, and it will be very warm to cover feet or a body for napping. It was a wonder to see what I had made with my very own hands. Don't be confused about my bragging; my afghan is not perfect. It has a funny row that doesn't match corners with the row above it, and it has lots of spots where I can see errors. But, it is a glorious thing to see!

I had help while I working on my afghan. I had my friendly neighborhood knit shop where I got instruction, and I had the best teacher, Kathy, who reassured and encouraged me all along the way. I had other knitters to chat with and compare and learn from. I had the best atmosphere in which to knit, sitting at the table in the front window of Kathy's shop. At other times, I had struggled alone to figure out patterns. I had even gone on line to get instructions on some technique I didn't understand, watching a video to learn how to complete the task. I had never been part of a group, learning from each other as we struggled to complete our project.

As I thought about my afghan knitting experience, I had to draw an analogy to our church. I don't knit in the pews, but I am working on my soul-afghan when I'm there. I have the same kind of friends and teachers in the church, helping me to make my soul-afghan just as beautiful and warm as the wool one. Each time I pray, study, read the Bible, learn a new idea about salvation, my soul-afghan project gets a new square, a new place to store happiness and the knowledge of Christ. Just as I gave thanks for the wool afghan I knitted, I can give thanks that the "Lamb of God", has given me the wool of friends and a congregation to make my soul just as intricate and as interesting and as wonderful. Thanks be to God for friends, teachers, congregations, and knitters who help me make my life the beautiful pattern it can be.

Virginia

**Some new (and old) thoughts on the:**

## **BEACHCOMBER'S BAZAAR**

**Fun in the sun and a fundraiser for our "Well Fund"**

**June 20th 2009**

Beachcomber Bazaar is a community wide sale sponsored by Kiwanis of Oak Harbor. We will use this opportunity to sell used items that are still in good condition for an outreach to the Well Fund. We will donate all proceeds from the sale to World Vision to purchase a Well for a community that does not have potable water. Marie Akins has graciously agreed to be the coordinator for our participation in the Beachcombers Bazaar. We will have a 10'x30" space. Large items can be picked up.



### **Beachcomber's Bazaar**

**June 20th, 2009**

at

**Windjammer Park  
(AKA City Beach)**

**Set-Up: 7 am - 9 am**

**Sale: 9 am - 3 pm**

**Clean Up: 3 pm - ?**

#### **Items needed:**

**Household items, tools, collectables, toys, games, etc.**

**Please--NO clothes.**

**See the sign up sheet or call Marie at 675-6214.**

Please start cleaning your closets and garages to support this worthy effort. Save those pesky plastic grocery bags and tissue gift wrap to use on the day of the sale. George Churchill has graciously offered us storage space if you must donate your items prior to the sale. Sandy and Bob will coordinate pick up of donated items so give us a call at 679-2023. There is also a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who need item pick-up and those who can assist with picking up items. Thanks!

## June Calendar

**June 6:** Memorial Service, 10:00 am,  
George "Robbie" Robinson

**June 7:** Sunday Sundae/Sunday school  
Celebration @ 10:00 AM  
Ice Cream Social following the  
service

**June 10:** Vestry, Rick's home @ 11:00 am

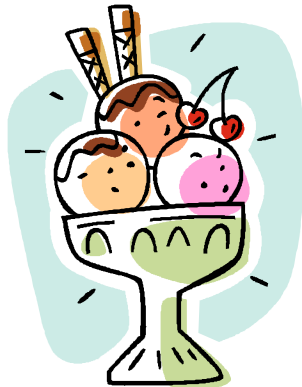
**June 14:** Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

**June 20:** Beachcomber's Bazaar, City Beach  
Set Up: 7 am – 9 am; Sale 9-3; Clean  
Up 3 - ?

**June 21:** Sunday Service, 10:00 AM  
Happy Father's Day

**June 28:** Sunday Service, 10:00 AM  
**INGATHERING FOR HELP HOUSE!!**

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### **SUNDAY SUNDAE CELEBRATION**

**Children participate in leading the  
service at 10:00 am  
Followed by an ice cream social**

## June Birthdays:

**June 12:** Barb Spence

**June 14:** Louise Wegg

**June 27:** Jim Wihlborg

**June 26:** Carol Lansdown

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**Happy  
FATHER'S  
Day  
June 21**

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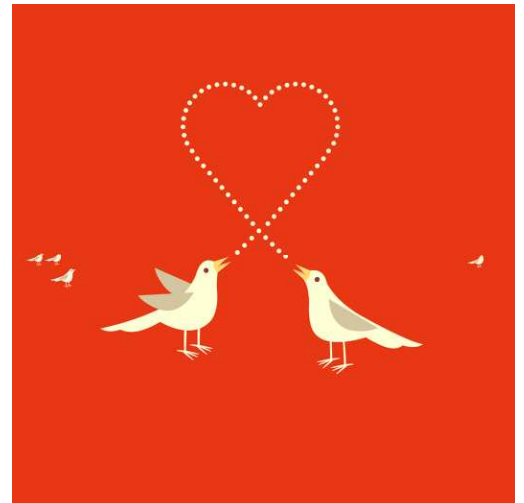
## **June Anniversaries**

**June 8:** Anne & Sherry

**June 11:** Jason and Shannon

**June 26:** Dallas & Shirley

**June 29:** Jim & Barbara



TIDBITS :

(A choice or pleasing bit of news or information.)

Sunday-Sundae: June 7<sup>th</sup>: Celebration of our Sunday school Children, The children will participate in all aspects of the service. The service will be followed by Ice Cream Sundaes in celebration of the end of our regular Sunday school Program.

\*\*Please sign up to bring your favorite Sundae topping. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board by mid-May. \*\*

Suggestions???? Father Dick has asked for suggestions for a mid-week program. Please bring your suggestions directly to Father Dick or any Vestry member.

PLEASE NOTE

***ATTACHED: Episcopal Life Weekly: A Note about General Convention, July 8 – 17, 2009, In Anaheim, CA***

***I will email other Notes about General Convention as they become available during the month of June and July.***

***For those folks without email, I will have a few copies on the bulletin board each week.***

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***Watch for info about the June Dine-Out***

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