

# *MM May Mother's Day Moment 2021*

*"May you live to see your children's children"* (Psalm 128:6)

## *Mother's Day on my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Mother's Day happens on my birthday. My vote is to give mothers center stage.

I'm proud of all the mothers in my life...from my own mother Mary and her mother Anna...then to Jean, the matriarch of our clan, mother of daughters Karen and Linda, the mothers of our grandchildren and now grandmothers themselves...and these grandchildren are now parents of 8 great-grand-children!

They're all doing a great job.

The mothers from Anna on believed in reading and libraries and books. Each of my grandchildren's mothers has a story of late decisions to go after degrees as adults. They did parenting and jobs and studies all at once...and opened books to children from their first days. Jean even had library cards for each of our children and grandchildren at our summer place in Washington.

If celebrations are possible my hope is that Mothers get major billing over my birthday. Nothing warms my spirit like the thought of what these mothers in my life have done for their children and now their children's children.

What lucky children they all are.

And what a lucky guy I am to have lived to see my children's children...

as well as *my children's grandchildren!*

## *Jean's lost diamond*

On May 5, 1951 at Lincoln Park in Seattle I gave Jean her engagement ring and diamond...that was 70 years ago this week.

She's worn it every day since...until this week. She showed me her ring finger one morning...the diamond was gone.

A search was mounted...I took sink drains apart...Jean looked everywhere and called our two daughters who came immediately...

O yes...she also called on Saint Anthony, the Saint for lost things...

(not that she believes in Saints, but she's had good luck before).

Of course St Anthony guided Linda right to the diamond...

I called a plumber to fix the drain I had broken in my search (\$210).

Jean went to a jeweler who had to cut the ring from her finger to replace the diamond (\$230).

It's a small old diamond, but after 70 years we're used to having it (and me) around. It takes a whole lot of luck and loving and care to keep a diamond...and a marriage.

## *It's Easter Sunday For a Lot of Folks*

Eastern Orthodox (Greek) Catholic Church celebrated Easter today. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Christian body in the world next to Roman Catholics...

claiming origins to the original Apostles. The two parted ways in 1054 A.D.

The Protestant separation from the Roman Church took place about 500 years later. (Christianity seems to multiply by division).

There is an Eastern Orthodox Church in Corvallis. We didn't see notice of services. Maybe the pandemic.

## *My personal mantra Psalm 118:24*

*"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*