

Five Steps from Eternity: Lanae's Death— A Family's Journey Through Grief

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An orchestra of kaleidoscopic grief plays in your head as you read this splendid 'ode' to Lanae.

How is it that sorrow can be expressed with an array of colour?

This review is an encouragement for you to take a rugged mountain journey with this beautifully surrendered family as we did (gran and I) ...to find the answer to that question.

You need not to have lost a child to embark on it...just bring your heart in the condition that it is in.

We implore you-buy out the time to read the passages surrounding the quoted Scriptures so that you can achieve a deeper appreciation of the expedition. Your personal one and their' s.....Follow the verses deliberately, on a winding road in the rain. Allow them to wash over you. Enter the provided links and soak in the sunshine of the messages at her funeral and graveside service. Look up the old hymns referenced and play them. Share details with friends as a source of encouragement . This all comes with a guarantee that you will draw closer to Jesus.

Or.. if you have never met Him my prayer is that you find the summit where He has been waiting patiently for you all this time - The Author and finisher of your faith. You will look full into His face and be reminded of the birth-right you must still claim. Oh claim it oh sinner and come home !

In this moving citation to her daughter, you will be privy to Leanne weaving glistening tear-drenched threads. They progress as the story unfolds into a garment of praise for their beloved mutual Saviour. It is a privilege to be invited to take a glimpse into the journal of Lanae's life... and death.

What an extraordinary collaborative labour between a family, their friends and their Lord !

Oh what sweet intention you had from the womb Lanae !

Above is a photograph of my own sunshine grandmother. Her 96 years on this earth are a stark contrast to Lanae's 27, but a testimony to the fact that the Lord determines the times. We took a pilgrimage through this book together, while caring for her at home. She recently suffered a major stroke. This quest was a healing process for us both. At times my sobs were so loud that they set off the dogs wailing :) ...but the questions on my heart were answered. Thank you Lord!

You yielded your life that day Lanae, so that others could live.