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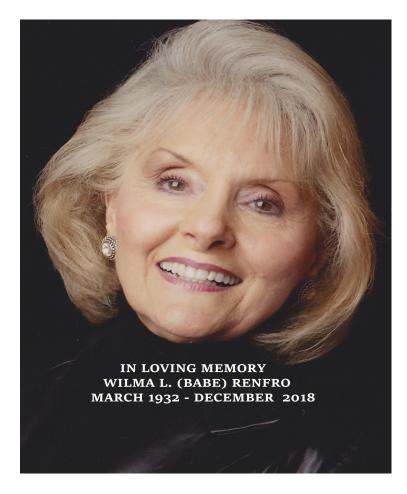
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FRIENDS

WHAT IS A FRIEND ?

A FRIEND IS MORE THAN SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

A FRIEND IS MORE THAN JUST SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO IS THERE WHEN YOU JUST NEED TO TALK.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE YOU CAN BE WITH ALL DAY AND NEVER HAVE TO SAY A WORD.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOUR GOOD AND YOUR BAD, AND LIKES YOU ANYWAY.

A FRIEND IS THE FIRST ONE YOU CALL WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO WILL GIVE YOU THEIR LAST DOLLAR IF YOUR NEED IS GREATER.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO WILL ALWAYS PUT YOUR NEEDS ABOVE THEIR OWN.

A FRIEND IS THE FIRST ONE TO TELL YOU WHEN YOU SHOULDN'T DO SOMETHING, BUT WHO WILL STICK BY YOU IF YOU DO.

HAVE SOME BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE MARRIED THEIR BEST FRIEND ?



THE DO-OVER

The sea of life swamped my craft today It flooded my soul, and took my heart away

It left me bare of the will to live Thinking that I had nothing left to give

I know there are others, who, just like me Whose life was not what they wanted it to be

You found someone to help you through the day But all too soon, they were taken away

But I know that is not what she would want me to do So I write these books and poems for you

To let you know that there is hope to come In the form of GOD'S only SON

To let you know that we all have regrets in our lives I guess that's why GOD gave us wives

BUT THERE WAS ONE, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE ON A CROSS, SO THAT WE EACH COULD HAVE A DO-OVER



THE RIVERS OF MY MIND

AS I START EACH LONELY DAY THE MUSIC THEN BEGINS TO PLAY

A SONG THAT WILL NEVER BE LEFT BEHIND THE MELODY IS SOFT AND THE WORDS NOT MINE

IT TELLS OF A LOVE THAT ONCE WAS NEW OF A LOVE ONLY KNOWN BY FEW

THE WORDS ARE THE STORY OF TWO IN LOVE AND NOW SENT FROM THAT ONE ABOVE

IT TELLS THE STORY OF A LIFE ONCE SHARED BY TWO YOUNG KIDS NOT YET PREPARED

A STORY OF A LOVE THAT WILL NEVER END BY ONE WHO MARRIED HIS BEST FRIEND

THE SONG PLAYS ON, EACH DAY I FIND IT FLOWS LIKE WATER THROUGH THE RIVERS OF MY MIND

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THE GOLDEN YEARS

THAT THE YEARS TURN GOLDEN WHEN YOU GET OLD

IS THE BIGGEST LIE THAT HAS EVER BEEN TOLD

WHEN YOUR DOCTOR BECOMES YOUR BEST FRIEND

WHEN THE PHARMACY IS THE MOST EXCITING PLACE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN

YOU NOW KNOW WHAT THAT PHRASE REALLY MEANT

THEY WOULD GET THE GOLD THAT YOU COULD HAVE SPENT

SO EMPTY YOUR WANT BARREL WHILE YOU CAN STILL WALK

BECAUSE SAVING IT ALL IS JUST MORE TALK

I EMPTIED MINE WHILE I STILL COULD

I DID THE THINGS THAT ONLY THE YOUNG THOUGHT THEY SHOULD

WE WENT TO PLACES THAT WE HAD ONLY SEEN IN BOOKS

AND ALL THE FOODS TASTED BETTER WHEN SOMEONE ELSE HAD TO COOK

I LOVED MY BOAT AND OUR PLACE BY THE SEA

I LOVED THE ONE WHO STOOD BESIDE ME

MY FRIEND, YOUR GOLDEN YEAR IS NOW

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN, OR I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW

ONLY WHEN YOU ARE LONELY AND HAVE GROWN OLD

JUST REMEMBER, IT IS YOU WITH ALL THE ACHES AND PAINS

AND THEY ARE THE ONES WITH ALL YOUR GOLD

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WHEN SUMMER'S GONE

When summer's gone and winter is near Did we use the time well that we had while here

There is no tomorrow for it never comes We only have today to be with our loved ones

Yesterday is just a history of what we did today Like an old book that is only read when we have passed away Our lives are the total of decisions that we made along the way

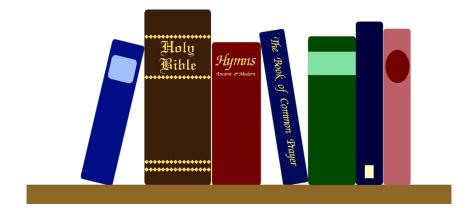
So be careful of things you do, and of things you say Because there is no tomorrow, there is only today

When the birds fly south, you know winter is near So make your life count while you are still here

So let your family and friends know that you love them while you still have time Don't be known as, just a friend of mine

When the snow starts to fall in the winter of your life And you look forward to seeing the one who was your wife Remember that today will soon be gone So leave something that your love ones will want to carry on

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Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;