

## *Surprise of the Search*

When she turned 21, Tammy Harris from Roanoke, Virginia, began searching for her biological mother. After a year, she had not succeeded. What she didn't know was that her mother, Joyce Schultz, had been trying to locate her for 20 years.

An Associated Press story pointed out that there was one more thing Tammy didn't know: Her mother was one of her co-workers at the convenience store where she worked!

One day, Joyce overheard Tammy talking with another co-worker about trying to find her mother. Soon they were comparing birth certificates.

When Tammy realized that the co-worker she had known was, in fact, her mother, she fell into her arms. "We held on for the longest time," Tammy said. "It was the best day of my life."

It's a sweet, sweet story. We should realize, however, that each week each one of us will rub shoulders with people whom we may barely notice, but with whom we have a special relationship in the family of God.

--Beecher Hunter