

The Fallen Pine

In his book, *The Fisherman and His Friends*, Louis Albert Banks tells about a man who was spending a summer near the shores of Lake Superior.

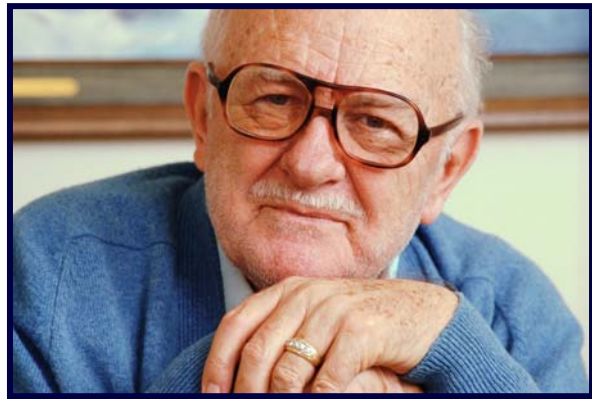
One day, he came upon an old pine tree that had been blown down by a recent storm. Knowing something about trees, he was intrigued by that huge evergreen lying on the ground.

He examined it closely and figured that it was at least 250 years old. What impressed him most, however, was what he discovered when he stripped away the bark. It was evident to him that on the day the tree fell, it was still growing.

That's the way it should be in our lives. How beautiful are those who grow old gracefully, reflect the loveliness of a walk with God within their hearts, and keep on being personally and spiritually engaged.

We see them everyday in the work we are called to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

While we seek to be a blessing to them, we are the ones who are blessed by their wisdom and their character.



– Beecher Hunter