

The Payson Reunion

God moves in mysterious ways, and each one of us can give testimony to the truth of that statement in our own lives. One dramatic example occurred for Deb Bielek, regional rehab director for Life Care. Bielek is a third-generation native Arizonan, which “is a big deal in Arizona,” she said, because “there aren’t many people my age who are born and raised here.”

With that background, follow this remarkable chain of events, as told by Bielek:

“My grandmother’s sister had a son named Bill Templeton. Growing up, we would go to Punkin Center (that’s its spelling) to have picnics with my dad’s cousin, Bill, and his wife, Viola, at Roosevelt Lake. Bill and Viola always filled us in on the best fishing holes and the best lures to use. After a successful day of fishing, we’d have a big fish fry, enjoying the crappie we’d caught that day. Bill taught us how to filet a crappie and Viola showed us how to cook them the right way. My grandmother’s sister passed on and, eventually, Bill and my father did, too. The kids all grew up and had families of their own. My grandmother always kept me posted on Viola and what she was up to. When my grandmother died about nine years ago, I lost touch with Viola. I wasn’t sure if she had moved to New Mexico with her daughter or just where she had gone.

“I was doing a rehab visit at Payson Care Center last winter and, at the end of the day, I walked past a room with the name, Viola Templeton, on the door. I knew that name couldn’t be too common, so I backed up and peeked in the room. Viola was lying in bed and turned her head toward me. I asked her if her name was Viola Templeton, and when she spoke, I knew it was her. I asked if I could come in, and she invited me to sit down. I told her I was her relative, and we both started crying, remembering all of our loved ones whom we had lost and the memories of those days when I was a child.

“Viola shared that she was at Payson Care Center for rehabilitation, and how much she loved and appreciated her therapists and nurses. She was so pleased with all of the care that when it became apparent that she would need extra support to take care of herself because of the aneurysm on her spine, she chose Payson Care Center as her new home. Viola is a great ambassador for Payson Care Center and is so proud of her title as Resident Facility Greeter. She’s good at it, too. Whenever I visit, I see her all over the building, dressed to the nines and visiting with our residents. She has brought so much joy to me and it is awesome to see her spreading her energy and enthusiasm for the activities and programs at Payson Care Center with so many others.”

Bielek says there is no doubt in her mind “that Viola and I were destined to find one another. I feel so blessed to have her back in my life, and I am so thankful to

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have her living among such a caring and compassionate team as the one she's found at Payson Care Center. Many thanks to Mark Trangsrud and his team for helping to create such a wonderful environment for Viola and the other residents and patients at Payson Care Center."

That's a wonderful development in Bielek's life. It does, indeed, show how God orchestrates our lives in a beautiful fashion to accomplish His purposes for our good. In the process, He uses both Viola and Bielek to enrich the quality of the lives of the people they encounter.

And He is doing the same in your life.

--Beecher Hunter