

## Belva Gillespie Nylander



After college (Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL) I taught first grade for 3 years in the Chicago suburb of Addison, IL. I married and raised 4 children (2 boys, 2 girls) as a stay-at-home mom in Lincolnshire, IL. After 20 years of marriage, I was divorced and had to re-enter the workplace. After a brief time as a sales rep, I began a new job with Baxter Healthcare. I was a systems trainer, training pharmacists and hospital nursing personnel on Baxter's systems/equipment used to improve patient care. I loved my job. I "retired" in 1997 so that I could care for my ailing father-in-law.

I married a wonderful man with two children in 1985. Lee and I combined our families and continued to live in Lincolnshire, IL until the last of my children was married. We built a smaller house on a lake near the Wisconsin border and thought that would be our "forever house". We both love the water....Lee loves to fish.

In 2001, we purchased a small house in Noblesville, IN where two of my children live with their families. Lee was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease years earlier and was no longer able to work. We needed to be closer to more of our family. Our move to central Indiana has been wonderful! We live only a few houses away from "our" daughter and her husband and 5 children, and from "our" son, his wife and three children. We are across the street from a lake where we enjoy boating (we have a fish and ski boat) and Lee can fish. Our other children and grandchildren are only a few hours away, so we are perfectly located.

My four children have blessed me with 13 grandchildren (9 boys, 4 girls) with another baby due in October. My greatest joy and pleasure has been being a mom, grandmother and homemaker. Currently, I work full time for my son's medical supply company as his office manager. For fun, I love to garden, read, write, play the piano, entertain family and friends. Since we are no longer able to travel, I rely on friends and family coming to visit us. Shirley (Spence) Bohl and husband Tom just visited us this past June.

I thank God for His faithfulness and His daily provision for our needs. I have been, and continue to be, richly blessed.

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