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Today I celebrate that Grandma would have been 90 years old. I would have gone to 335 Ewing Street, Plymouth, Indiana with one dozen roses in one hand, macadamia nuts (plain and chocolate-covered) in the other hand, and lips puckered to give her a kiss of love and adoration to celebrate her life along with many others who love and adore her.

Instead, today I am remembering her life and celebrating with joy and tears an event that was the most important decision in her life, her second birth. Her good works and merit did not earn her a place in Heaven, though she had many. It was God's gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ, whom she accepted in childlike faith. For this I am grateful.

The influence of her godly life lives on through you, me, and the many others whose lives crossed her path. Though she cannot return to this side of eternity, I look forward to that blessed day when the Lord calls me home.

Just think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven,
Of touching a hand and finding it God's,
Of breathing new air and finding it celestial,
Of waking up in Glory and finding it home.

But until then my heart will go on singing,
Until then with joy I will carry on,
Until the day I my eyes behold that city,
Until the day He calls me home.

With a grateful heart,

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