

## ***One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!***

# 92 ***“Grandma was with me when I was born.  
I am with Grandma when she died.”***

My wife Ellie died on September 2, 2009, at age 82. The end came rather swiftly from a throat malfunction that kept her from drinking or eating. She had made it clear she did not want feeding tubes or heroic measures, so she went naturally and quietly.

These final days changed us as individuals and as a family. By being with Ellie as she finished her race, we deepened our relationship with each other and with God. I would not trade those days and hours and moments for anything in the world. Never was she alone. Always someone was there, loving her. And what a joy it was—because she had loved every one of us!

Ellie’s middle name was Ruth. She was at our daughter’s bedside when she gave birth to a little girl who was given the middle name of Ruth, in honor of Ellie. In the stillness after Ellie’s final breath, this granddaughter, now grown up and married, said quietly, ***“Grandma was with me when I was born. I am with Grandma when she died.”***

Life is a continuum. It doesn’t begin when we are born and it will not end when we die. God is doing something in history and He has allowed us to be in on it.

Death is as natural as birth. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us both are *“beautiful” in their “time”*. I believe we rob ourselves and future generations if we do not participate with our loved ones in this great moment of transition from the visible Kingdom of the World to the invisible Kingdom of God.

*From Grandpa With Love*

### **A Note From the Writer**

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin