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The Gifts of the Other Wise People

by Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

Matthew's gospel records three wise men who came to Bethlehem bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Have you ever wondered, however, if there were other wise ones who didn't make it into the biblical narrative?

In 1896, Henry van Dyke published "The Other Wise Man" which tells the story of a fourth wise man named Artaban who brought gifts for the baby Messiah. In the story, Artaban's gifts consisted of three precious jewels: a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl.

In van Dyke's story, Artaban travelled from Persia to meet the other wise men and travel together to Bethlehem. On his way he meets someone dying from fever at the roadside. Out of compassion Artaban stayed and offered care for the man. This delay caused him to miss the caravan with the other three wise men. When the man's fever broke, Artaban sold the first gift – the sapphire – and formed his own caravan.

Upon his arrival in Bethlehem, he found that the other three wise men had already left, the holy family had fled to Egypt, and Herod's soldiers had begun killing the baby boys. To a young mother's plea to help save her son, Artaban exchanged the ruby for the endangered boy's life.

Over the next 30 years, Artaban relentlessly pursued Jesus to gift him with the remaining pearl. He finally arrived in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover when he heard news that Jesus was to be put to death for claiming to be the Son of God. Planning to use the pearl in exchange for Jesus' life, Artaban entered the city gates.

On his way to Jesus, he came across a sobbing little girl

about to be sold into slavery to pay her father's debts. Moved with compassion, Artaban paid the debts with his last jewel. At that moment, the city was rocked by an earthquake and he saw Jesus on the cross. In the story, Artaban was never able to worship Jesus by showering him with gifts. He worshipped Jesus by using the gifts he had to serve other people.

Henry van Dyke's story has inspired many people to consider how we are called to be like the fourth wise man. As we enter into the Advent season and journey towards Christmas, perhaps this is a good question for us to consider as well. To add another person on our gift list is a tall order as we prepare for such a busy season. Yet our faith calls us to consider: what gift are you planning to give Christ this Christmas? Talk about a difficult person to buy for! The first three wise men gave precious gifts and van Dyke's fourth wise man gave the gift of compassion and service.

As we remember that all these gifts were accepted and blessed by God, then there is no 'right' gift. Perhaps what makes the gift 'right' is that it originated from the heart and soul of the giver. With that in mind, perhaps we all must consider what resides in our own hearts and souls and yearns to be given for God's glory.

At Deer Lake, when we come to the section in our worship liturgy called "Sharing Our Gifts with God", we are reminded of all the gifts that we offer to God in Christ's service. I often refer to them as time, talent and treasure because this encompasses the diverse array of offerings that are made. All offerings are equally valued by God and united through the Holy Spirit so that God's work can collectively be done through them.

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Greetings from the Outreach Committee

by Eileen M

We wish to thank all who have helped us with our programs throughout the year. Many of you have expressed an interest in our work and have been very supportive through your donations and by direct participation in our programs. If you cannot make a full commitment by joining the committee, here are some ways you can help:

Edmonds Youth Centre

Under the leadership of Tyler Dobbin, the centre provides meals prepared by Tyler for kids from needy families who frequent the centre, gives counseling and provides a drop-in centre for youth. Funds are donated by DLUC from your donations to Sunday morning coffee.

We heartily thank Shirley McG for her organizing coffee time and urge all to heed her pleas to sign up for coffee-making. Shirley says if you cannot sign up for coffee, you can still participate by donating baking. Please call Shirley if you have baking to donate.

Periodically there is a Lunch on the Run in which we provide a quick, nutritious and delicious lunch in the hall after the service, with proceeds going to Edmonds Youth. Outreach is always looking for people to make lunch, and help in setting up and cleanup. Periodically there are special events such as the Men's Dinners which donate to Edmonds Youth.

Lunches for the Homeless

Once a month, usually the third Wednesday, DLUC prepares lunches for 70 of Burnaby's homeless. The cost of these lunches varies from \$100 to \$150 each time. This expense is covered by your donations (mark Homeless Lunches on your envelope under Other) and by special events.

Don W gave a well-attended jazz concert and Colleen K had a very successful sale of her crafts. We are truly grateful to Don and Colleen. Also, there is a bin in the hallway marked "Homeless" for donations of clothing. If you have a special talent or ideas for fund raising, we would love to hear from you.

Naked Tree

We are happy that Ruth Struve has agreed to coordinate this project this year. A "naked tree" is placed in the narthex during the Christmas season. We are asked to decorate the tree with donations of new socks and underwear to be given to the Burnaby Homeless after Christmas through the Committee for Progressive Housing.

Last year we collected four large bags of clothing. We look for your participation again this year.

Outreach Bulletin Board

Please visit the Outreach bulletin board in the hall. You will find postings from charitable organizations, information from other churches concerning their thrift shops, prayer meetings, etc. If you have outreach items you wish to post, please contact Paul A, chair, Outreach Committee.



Camp Jubilee on Indian Arm

Camp Jubilee

Through Outreach, DLUC has donated \$775 to send two needy children to summer camp.

Marguerite Dixon House

DLUC has continued support of Dixon House through donations of clothing, food and money. Phyllis S from DLUC sits on the board of Dixon House. Sharon A has organized groups to sort clothing donations.

If you wish to participate, see Sharon. There are bins in the hallway marked "Dixon House" for your donation. Please remember that clothing donations should be age-appropriate for young women and children.

Christmas Families

Through the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, DLUC will sponsor two families with children and one senior family this year. We have always had a great response from the church on this project.

You can participate through envelope donations marked Christmas Families; sign up to buy groceries, clothing certificates or toys; or help to pack the donations for the designated families. I will oversee the project this year, and three host families have been assigned to the families to communicate their wishes and needs to DLUC.

The host families are Michele C/Mark J, Sue and Peter M and Charlene & Peter C. Missy T and Peggy W will organize the DLUC Youth to shop for the Christmas children. Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers.

First United

We have had a history of donating clothes to First United. At the present time they have changed their donation agenda to having a Thrift Store. We have opted for taking our clothing donations to Burnaby Homeless.

Remember: Outreach is the whole church!

Dixon Transition Society Opens Wenda's Place

by Sharon A

On Friday October 23rd I attended the official opening of Wenda's Place, a new 9 unit second stage facility for women and children fleeing violence.

This is the new addition to the Dixon Transition Society, named in memory of Wenda Erikson who started the first women's shelter in the basement of Deer Lake Church many years ago. Some of her family were at the opening ceremony, and shared the joy of many other guests to see this facility going into operation.

Women and their children will be able to stay in these subsidized apartments for up to a year after their initial stay in the transition house, while they access the services they need to achieve independence.

Congratulatory messages were given by:

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin, Government of Canada

Armin Amrolia, Director, Regional Development Lower Mainland, BC Housing

Mayor Derek Corrigan, City of Burnaby

Eileen Smith, Foundation Governor, Real Estate Foundation of B.C.

Corinna Bjornson, President, Dixon Transition Society

All of these individuals and their organizations provided support and/or financial assistance to bring this project to reality, and the Society owes each of them a debt of thanks. A former client of the Society, now a successful businesswoman, told her story of how the Society changed her life.

The reality of the impact of violence in our society brought tears to many eyes and reminded all present of the continuing need for shelters such as this.

Executive Director Adele Wilson received an award plaque from Armin Amrolia of BC Housing and President Corinna Bjornson to acknowledge the many hours of work that Adele contributed to this project.

Adele is a driving force for women fleeing violence, and commented that she was already thinking of her next project!

The Society took this opportunity to introduce the new name and logo to the guests present, and it is indeed impressive.

It is important in the fund raising world of today to have a logo that is simple but memorable, and conveys both the purpose of the Society and an emotional appeal to prospective donors.

The Dixon name was retained as it is well known, so the former Marguerite Dixon Transition Society has become Dixon Transition Society with the tagline "shelter, guidance and hope for women and children fleeing violence"

Deer Lake Church continues to have an affiliation with the Society, with congregants providing donations of food, clothing and money, and a dedicated group of volunteer ladies who regularly attend to organize and tidy the clothing donations room at the transition house.

It was very rewarding to see this facility open, and to have served on the Board of Directors during the planning and construction.

Winter Coats Needed for Dixon House

Dixon Transition Society needs winter coats for women and girls, as well as for boys under the age of 12.

If you have any winter coats in good condition, please bring them to the church and place them in the Dixon House donation bin. Thank you!

Special Advent & Christmas Services

CHORAL MUSIC in DECEMBER

Hallelujah! The choir is back!!! While our Search Committee is busily looking for a new director, our multi-talented choir has soldiered ahead and planned music on their own to take us through Advent and into Christmas Eve. Hallelujah!!!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday December 20th at 10:30 a.m.

An all ages gathering where many of our younger members will lead us in story, song and prayer. You won't want to miss this exciting celebration of our communal expression of Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE: ALL AGES SERVICE

Wednesday December 24th at 4 p.m.

On the eve of the birthing of God's greatest gift to the world, we present an All Ages Service. This interactive service is thoughtfully designed to be inclusive for people of all ages (especially those who try to get to bed early to listen for reindeer hooves on the roof).

CHRISTMAS EVE: CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS and COMMUNION

Wednesday December 24th at 7:30 p.m.

An elegant service with the Deer Lake Choir and Rev. Scott. This service follows the Oxford tradition of lessons and carols and concludes with Holy Communion and candle lighting.

The Gifts of the Other Wise People

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As we approach another year end on December 31, it is a powerful testament to the depth of our faith community as we recall all the offerings that have been made in order to fulfill Christ's ministry through Deer Lake. I give God thanks as I look ahead to our ministry into 2010, for I know that we will continue to be God's faithful people in Christ's service as the 'other' wise men, wise women and wise children.

Merry Christmas my wise friends in Christ.

Shalom, Salaam, Peace,

Rev. Scott

Library News

by Sue M

Since the last edition of Lakeshore Lines we have received a lot of donated Library material; thank you so much to those people who've contributed. The Juvenile section has received a significant boost with the addition of numerous books which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Even the Sound Waves Obey Him – Bible Stories Brought to Life with Science by Nancy B. Kennedy (Dewey Decimal Number: j220.9 Ken) – This book is full of activities that use common materials and that are easy to do. The reading level is four to eight years olds.

The Picture Bible by Iva Hoth (Dewey Decimal Number j220.5 Hot) – This interesting version of the Bible is illustrated in a comic book style that may be more appealing to our young readers. It accurately portrays the main events in the Bible; it could easily be used by adults as well.

Among the additions to the non-fiction section:

The Unofficial United Church Handbook from the United Church Publishing House (Dewey Decimal Number: 287.9 Uni) – This book is an adaptation of the Lutheran and Christian Handbooks; it is an informative book about the United Church and the Christian faith that is written in a humorous manner. It's three sections are "Church Stuff" like How to Stay Alert in Church, "Everyday Stuff" like How to Make the Devil Not Make You Do It, and "Bible Stuff" like How To Identify a Prophet. This book contains a lot of useful information.

Postcards from the Valley, Encounters with Fear, Faith, and God by David Giuliano (Dewey Decimal Number 287.9Giu) – Shortly after his election as the 39th Moderator of the United Church of Canada in 2006 David Giuliano was diagnosed with cancer; this book is a collection of his articles, writings, and blog entries on WonderCafe.ca. He talks about his struggles with fear ("My body went for a walk but my mind was like a crazed squirrel jumping from branch to branch of worries and fears..."), weakness, faith, joy, and hope ("...discovering new life where one might expect to find death. Finding it not in our power and wealth but in our poverty and dependence on the Holy One.")

Please note that there are many existing books in our collection that are so worth reading; as an example the books we have on Corrie Ten Boom. Miss Ten Boom was a Dutch woman who assisted the Jewish people during WW II until her underground operation was discovered. Her faith in the Lord Jesus throughout her ordeal as a German prisoner was truly amazing as was her ability to forgive her captors. The books, **A Prisoner and Yet** and **The Hiding Place**, can be found in the non-fiction section under Dewey Decimal Number 940.5.

All of the books noted above can be found either on display in the library or shelved in the appropriate section. Additional new material can be viewed on our on-line book cataloguing system, LibraryThing, which lists newly added material first. The catalog can be viewed through the link on our church website under the heading of "Involvement and Growth" or <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC>.

Thank you again for all of the donations

The Rev's Reading Recommendations

Why not treat yourself or someone you love to the gift of a great spiritual book for Christmas? Apart from having a good study Bible, there are lots of great new titles out there to help nourish your faith. Blessed reading!

"A New Climate for Theology: God, the World and Global Warming" by Sally McFague

Local Vancouver author traces the distorted notion of unlimited desire that fuels our market system. McFague paints an alternative idea of what a just and sustainable economy might mean.

"Hidden Spirituality of Men: Ten Metaphors to Awaken the Sacred Masculine" by Matthew Fox. An exploration of the ancient wisdom and deep teachings about the spiritual life of men. For Fox, spirituality is giving one's all in whatever manifestation: work, social action, family, art, etc. The ten metaphors or images he offers are meant to empower and guide the reader toward greater a self-understanding.

"The Faith of Scientists: In Their Own Words" by Nancy Frankenberry. Within the growing list of publications from scientists who are also people of faith, we find this very accessible book which surveys a number of scientists on how they reconcile faith and science.

"Journaling as a Spiritual Practice: Encountering God through Attentive Writing" by Helen Cepero. This helpful book comes from the director of spiritual formation at North Park Theological Seminary. Cepero views journaling as a means of writing ourselves into self-understanding and thereby discovering the presence of God in our lives. A nice feature of this book are some journaling exercises to help people revive or begin journaling practices that have not been exercised in some time.



All ladies of Deer Lake United Church are warmly invited to attend the Annual Women's Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th at 9 a.m. at the home of Audrey and Glenn L, Duthie Avenue in Burnaby.

Come for a joyful time of fellowship and carolling. If you are planning to attend, please sign the sheet in the church hall or phone Audrey.

Evolve...Faith, Self and Community

by Missy T

On November 13-15 over 200 youth, young adults, youth leaders and ministers gathered at Shaughnessy Heights United Church for the first ever Evolve Conference. Replacing the traditional Junior and Senior youth conference held in Naramata in November. Evolve was the theme – to Evolve your faith, yourself and your community.

There was a 50+ leadership team, with leaders from all over BC as well as two from the USA, to help explore the theme of Evolve with the youth and young adults. The weekend was broken into stream time, worship, workshops and a little bit of free time.



Montage of photos from the Evolve Youth Conference

Workshops offered ranged from games & crafts to conflict resolution with Marion Best and Poetry with Ray McGinnis. The music leadership was lead by Revolve, a band started from BC conference youth. They lead the music during all worship and gather times, as well as participated in a Saturday afternoon concert with the band Rebel Messiah.

A highlight for me included taking pictures of the weekend for the closing slideshow. I was at the event as the main office coordinator which at times meant I was the photographer as well.

We thought that a lot of youth would be complaining about the conference not being in Naramata but when I was asked to go around to streams or workshops to get a few quick pictures it was amazing at how engaged all the youth were, the junior youth especially since they were our largest group with 65 participants.

Whenever I had to pop into that stream every single youth was engaged and obviously having a great time. Another group that impressed the entire planning team was the youth adult stream. We weren't sure we'd get many young adults as there aren't too many programs for them within the church but we had 34 young adults who were excited about being at the event for their own stream, but who also stepped up and helped with the younger youth if they saw it was needed.

Many of the ministers from BC Conference were present. Our own minister Rev. Scott served as one of the chaplains for the weekend. Gordon How, Marion Best and Wally Hargrave came as the Elders for the event, which was amazing.

Having them there in that role just fitted the conference with a calming effect whenever they were around. Youth enjoyed being able to talk with them, be in their workshops or if they needed a bit of grandparent support.

All three were grateful for being involved & have all wished to be involved again. We also had current BC Conference President Dan Chambers at the event, which helps bring in the workings of the church, which isn't just at the congregation level. It was only the second time a BC Conference president has attended a youth conference, and hopefully we've started a tradition of Presidents attending.

Although the weekend was essentially only 50 hours, it was an amazing, grateful, exciting weekend, one that the planning team is hoping to repeat again, perhaps next year!

Have Yourselves a "Good" Christmas

Christmas, it seems, is a lot like cholesterol...there's "good" Christmas and "bad" Christmas.

Good Christmas is meeting friends or family for an intimate dinner; making that long-distance phone call to a dear friend or relative and getting socks for Christmas that aren't knee high. Good Christmas is comfortable and good Christmas is peace and harmony.

Bad Christmas is tearing the house apart to stick up an over-sized tree that doesn't stand a chance of looking good. Bad Christmas is over-spending on expensive gifts meant to make up for a year of not loving as we should have. Bad Christmas is putting on extra pounds that take a year to shed (hopefully).

Good Christmas is filled with hugs and cheer and laughter.

The management and staff of Lakeshore Lines wish all of our readers the Goodest Christmas ever!

New Garden Being Prepared

by Pat Y

Our "Garden Project" is well underway. Many dedicated hands helped prepare the new garden and plant shrubs and perennials in the two smaller sections directly in front of the stairs. The Echinacea Magnus, or purple cone flower maintained its bloom well into November.

The larger section of lawn was covered with soil, newspaper, leaves and then bark mulch. It will take until Spring for the lawn to decompose at which time the planting of more trees, shrubs and perennials will resume.

It's difficult to remember just how warm the weather was

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

An exciting new fund-raiser will be held in January when we Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

This adult evening of fun has been held before and has been a great success; we hope you will want to be involved.

We will enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner, in the comfort of someone's home and will possibly get to meet new friends. This is how it works:

You will need to decide if you would like to be a Guest or a Host. (A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.)

As a Guest:

- On the evening of the dinner, you will come to the church and will be given the Hosts address and directions how to get there.
- You will go to that home, and meet all the other guests assigned to that host... Surprise!
- You will each bring an envelope with \$25 or more per person, to give to the Host as your donation.
- You will then enjoy a wonderful dinner and the company of your new or old friends.

As a Host:

- You will let us know how many people you wish to host.
- You will prepare a delicious 3 or 4 course dinner, wait for your guests to arrive, then enjoy the surprise and sharing of a meal together. Wine is optional.
- You will bring in the envelope donations to church the next day.
- You would also bring in your receipts for the meal. (A tax deductible receipt for a gift in kind will be issued.)

We do hope you would like to be involved in this fun evening, ... it is a great way of getting to know a few more people in our church family and of course helping to raise much-needed funds.

(30°+) when the stubborn juniper roots were finally coaxed from the ground now that the cold, wet weather of November is upon us.

Plans have been drawn to include a Chinese Witch-hazel, Weeping Purple Japanese Maple, Summer Snowflake Viburnum and many more perennials and shrubs.

These plants will add colour and life to the front of our church. We intend to make the outside of Deer Lake United as welcoming as the inside. Our projected budget is \$2000.

Many thanks to Don W, Tom C, Claire S, Janice C, Ken A, Shirley McG, Pat Y and Helen V of BRAGS who spent many hours of hard work on this part of the project.



Helen and Janice begin the difficult task of removing the over-grown junipers and other shrubs



Same patch sans Helen, Janice and junipers

A Gift of a Different Kind

Copied off the Internet

Old Age, I decided, is a gift.

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my father!), but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life or my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 a.m. and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 and 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But then again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver

As I got older, it is easier to be positive. I don't question myself anymore.. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, I like being old.. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

Deer Lake Blessed with Arrival of Lauren Pollard

Lauren P was born at Royal Columbian Hospital on October 9, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. She weighted a healthy 8 lb. 8 oz.

Mom and dad are Roger and Vanessa and proud big brother is Lucas.



Deer Lake vets (Don W, Bert W, Jenny R and Tom C stand proud during Remembrance Day Service

My Memories of Rocky Ingram

by Jim Y

On Saturday, November 7th, a Celebration of Life service was held for Rocky Ingram who died of cancer on October 27, 2009. During the service, Rev. Scott Turnbrook asked us to reflect on our relationships with Rocky. It would have been difficult not to.

I first met Rocky one Thursday evening some years ago at choir practice. Naomi S and Rocky worked together and she probably told him how our Deer Lake choir could use another male voice. (Perhaps she heard him singing a folk song at work.) He had two primary attributes: He was fun to be with and he could indeed sing ... eventually volunteering to sing a solo or two!

Although we had become friends, I didn't see Rocky too often after he became involved with First United Church in the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver. His wife Judy regularly attended Deer Lake and she kept us pretty much up to date on what was up with Rocky. He was acutely aware that each of us has a capacity to help others. Two residents of the Downtown Eastside were women who had struggles with addiction. Rocky provided a measure of support for them and celebrated those weeks and months they remained drug-free. He was devastated each time they relapsed ... and when he lost contact with them, he'd wander the streets around Main and Hastings looking for them.

First United had a dedicated group of volunteers who regularly provided lunch for needy folks. Rocky negotiated with the company he worked for that if it would provide the bread and filling and he and Judy would make sandwiches. My wife Pat and I offered to help.

On Friday, 15 dozen eggs were hard boiled, then stored in Rocky and Judy's next door neighbor's fridge. Saturday would see Rocky go to Great Canadian Super Store and pick up 20 loaves of day-old bread, giant tubs of margarine, industrial-sized containers of mustard and mayonnaise and a one-gallon tin of tuna. Pat and I would go to Rocky and Judy's for dinner then prepare the sandwich filling. One of us would peel the eggs, while someone else would put them through a meat grinder. A huge mixing bowl was filled with the eggs, mayonnaise and mustard and blended into a lovely devilled egg filling. The tuna was



Rocky waves from the solitude he so enjoyed

also mixed with mayonnaise. These were stored overnight in the fridge.

At 6:45 Sunday morning, Pat and I returned to Rocky's and 20 loaves of bread were turned into tasty and nutritious sandwiches. There were also boxes of juice and cookies. He would then deliver them to First United where they would be distributed to a hungry and grateful community.

Rocky introduced us to an Irish-style pub near where he worked on West Broadway. On Monday evenings, the establishment hosted about 20 fiddlers, some penny whistle blowers and guitarists and a couple of boran drums. This was the place to be! Rocky took a liking to the drum and bought one...but not just any one. It had to have a synthetic membrane ... not the hide of an animal. That was how Rocky felt about living things.

At Rocky's funeral his brother-in-law described how flowers were placed on Rocky's grave and that the deer had come along and eaten them. Rocky would have taken great delight in that.

Rocky was interesting and he was interested. He was strong and he was gentle. He was quite simply a very special person.

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