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# **Christmas in July**

Saturday, July 27, 2013

Some people keep Christmas lights up long past the holiday season. I have a bell that is displayed in my house all year long. It plays Silent Night and is 50 years old.



Christmas 1962 was very sad. Things were not going well for my family and my parents told me that we would be moving again and I would be attending my 3rd high school.

After an all-girls Catholic school and a rural PA school while living with my grandmother, I would finish high school in the NYC public school system.

Grandma didn't have a Christmas tree, but Dad brought one home at the last minute. He also brought me the Christmas bell.

I remember trying to concentrate on what was good with my life. I came up with 2 things. The air was very clean (it had been snowing) and nothing physically hurt.

That's been my bottom line ever since. However, when one of those two things is missing, I don't react well. Thus my extreme annoyance at pollen, traffic fumes and cigarette smoke triggering my allergies/asthma.

There's a reason I'm not in the medical field. My extreme reaction to a serious physical problem extends beyond myself to those I love - friends and acquaintances too and even total strangers.

Last week my granddaughter was in a serious accident on her bike. I didn't write about it but I was totally preoccupied with the situation.



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My daughter (sparker Hayburner1969) did write about it once the crisis was over.

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Fortunately all 3 of my children handle situations like this better than I do. As for me, I carry Xanax. I don't take it often, but it's there to help me calm down, get control of myself and be of what help I can when the situation arises. Sometimes I don't have to take it just because I know I can.

We're all very grateful today.

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#### **MARYJEANSL**

I'm so sorry to hear about your granddaughter's accident, but I am very, very glad to hear that she is on the mend. Sometimes times are tough - I think it is wonderful that you have the beautiful bell to remind you and keep you positive. 2875 days ago



#### **MERRYMARY42**

I am so glad that all is ending well, and your grand daughter is alright, the stress and worry we are put in when accidents happen.

Love your Christmas Bell, There again, memories

2878 days ago



#### **DESERTJULZ**

Way better than Christmas in July to receive the news your granddaughter will be okay! 2878 days ago



#### WILSONWR

I'm glad everything is much better now. That does sound like a very scary situation. It does make you feel very thankful.

2878 days ago



## TRAVELGRRL

I loved your blog; I'm glad your granddaughter will be OK. It truly is Christmas in July for you and your family!! 2878 days ago



## BOOKAPHILE

I'm so glad your granddaughter is on the mend. May the traumatic memories for her and the rest of the family fade quickly!

2878 days ago



#### WATERMELLEN

Happy ending after terror. What a marvellous relief: what rejoicing. Sure snaps all of the minor stuff into perspective, doesn't it. 2879 days ago



#### **MYSTERYROSE74**

I'm glad your granddaughter is on the mend. I read your daughter's blog, and wow, what a scary thing.



2879 days ago



### SUZYMOBILE

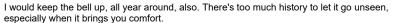
Between your and your daughter's blog, this is a wonderful story, and I'm so glad it had a happy ending. Praying for healing and lack of pain for your granddaughter, and peace for both of

We all handle situations like this in our own way. Thank you for sharing it with us and letting your



### CD14034154

Brooklyn,



I read your daughters blog, and I'm very relieved that your grand daughter is okay. I know it must have been a frightening experience, but God worked a disaster out for His good. Your daughter received God's peace, when she was running and saw that magnificent sun rise. God was just bathing her in his peace with his presence. What an awesome experience that is.

I left your daughter with this little chorus of a song, which I hope will help you as well.

Oh no, YOU never let go Through the calm, through the storm Oh no, YOU never let go In every high, In every low Oh no, YOU never let go Lord, YOU never let go of me

Be blessed,

- Nancy Jean -2879 days ago



#### DR1939



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٧ I am glad your granddaughter is better. Life is precious and we need to be grateful for our health. That was a sweet story about the Xmas Bell. I bet you had a cultural shock ending high school in NYC.



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## NANNABLACK



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#### **GINIEMIE**

I too have asthma, allergy induced asthma from cigarette smoke, perfume, plug-ins, many scented candles, and the list goes on-technically any chemically bonded scent will set my asthma

I"m praying for your family, I know it was scary. I praise God that I fall apart after the "help" arrives or the initial part is out of my hands.

I can't take drugs for anxiety-more allergies....











2879 days ago



#### SARAWALKS



So glad she is getting better! 2879 days ago



#### CD12146214

Send hugs your way! I am so glad that your granddaughter is on the mend. How very scary for your whole family. I have hand carved 4.5 foot statues that I keep up all year around as well as I love the artistry and simplicity of them.

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