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Christmas in July

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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!!

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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 you.

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



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CD14034154

Brooklyn,



I would keep the bell up, all year around, also. There's too much history to let it go unseen, especially when it brings you comfort.

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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MISCHAKEO

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 off.

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.



2879 days ago





ONEKIDSMOM



With an active imagination, I tend to get drawn into the griefs and woes of others, and most especially those near and dear, but well beyond. I can identify with not having to take the pill just because you know you can! I have to use a lot of self-talk to keep myself in hand. I don't collapse or anything, but I'm not of much practical use. Thank God I have siblings who ARE.

Sending up some extra gratitude on behalf of your family, joining my joy for my own (if you've been following the Kelsey story line, she was actually WALKING on a treadmill for a full minute yesterday... and continues what I consider a near-miraculous recovery).

LIFE is good.
2879 days ago



KELLIEBEAN

That is a wonderful story about the bell. Thank you for sharing.



I read your daughter's blog. So very scary. I am so glad everyone is okay!



2879 days ago



MOTTAMAMALOU



What a very nice blog!
2879 days ago



STEVENKIND

Hope your granddaughter is well on her way to a healthy recovery. It is hard to see the those you love get hurt. Hope you are doing well also, because I want to say "Merry Christmas", even if it is July
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