

# Daddy Taught Me To Fit In

By Van Yandell  
Proverbs 1: 8-9 “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.”

Normally when I think of the many things my dad taught me, I think of plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills. Teaching me to fit in was one lesson at which he was, in most cases, unsuccessful. I just never saw the point.

One day we were installing the electrical system in a new house build in a neighboring county. I was about twelve years old. By then he had taught me how to wire in switches,

receptacles and light fixtures.

While wiring in a switch in a bathroom, suddenly the 115 volt AC current ran through my unsuspecting body. I probably uttered a few phrases inappropriate for a good little Christian boy to say. Dad came into the room to check on (or reprimand) me.

He laughed and nonchalantly said, “That low voltage won’t hurt you” but I certainly could not agree with him. Numerous times since then I’ve gotten in touch with that voltage and it still hurts but it hasn’t killed me yet. Yes, I learned a very important lesson that day; check the power before handling the copper.

Daddy forced me to

go to church. At that age I’d much rather have been fishing but he had a different opinion and only his opinion mattered in this case. As the years passed, I realized he was right to make me go and I now appreciate him doing that.

To raise a child in church may at time seem like an up-hill battle but in the long term, it’s well worth the ordeal. It’s amazing how much smarter our dads are when we hit that twenty-five year old point.

Some of the lessons we learn from our fathers are unspoken. By observation we learn as much or more than by other methods, both good and bad. Fortunately, flat phones didn’t exist then so I had to pay attention because at times, there wasn’t anything else to do.

One very valuable lesson he taught me was, when on the job, if one completes a designated task, do not sit down. Look around for something productive to do. On a carpentry or plumbing job there is always plenty to do. Grab a broom if nothing else.

Also, to prepare

for a second vocation is just common sense and like an insurance policy. The first one could go belly-up and a “fall-back-on” skill may prove a life saver.

He tried to teach me (by observation) to be courteous. I witnessed him extend courtesies where they may not have been required. He was a gentleman extraordinaire.

Another basic concept he taught me (unintentionally) was to fit in wherever I happen to be. I’ve preached and taught in homeless missions, prisons, motorcycle rallies, the African jungle, with Aborigines in Australia and many other places and people. Attendance numbers have varied from six to 1500.

I’ve talked to two U.S. presidents, senators, and world famous evangelists. They all put their pants on just like we do, one foot and leg at a time. We are all just people.

Being warned about culture shock before my first mission assignment to East Africa, apprehensive may have been an appropriate description of my thoughts. Seen were many things different from what I was used to

but culture shock; never!

Dad did tell me, “Don’t ever meet a stranger. They’re all people, just like you are. And never regard someone as being better than you or a lesser person than you. God created us all and in His eyes we are of the same value.”

Look a man in the eye when shaking hands and give a firm grip. Respect people until they give you a good reason not to and treat all women as ladies. You don’t have to repay disrespect with disrespect.

Daddy didn’t get mad at me very often but when he did, he called me “boy!” One day I brought home a bad report card from school. He lit in to me like I had good sense (which at 16 I did not). “Boy” he said, if you’d work on your school subjects like you do guns, fishing lures, baseball and drag racing, you’d make straight A’s.”

“But daddy, it’s not my fault, they teach the wrong subjects in school. If they taught guns, fishing lures, baseball and drag racing, I’d make straight A’s.” Of course that went over like a concrete blimp.

Daddy, like most Christian fathers, taught me John 3: 16. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that

whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

It’s not likely I remember the first time he and I discussed that very important verse in the Bible but I do remember asking him, “Believe what?”

Dad said “whosoever” refers to all people and I certainly believe that. “Begotten” is a word you won’t hear anywhere else and means “here for a specific purpose” or “designated” (in Jesus case to save the world).

Dad said the Bible is the word of God and it tells us Jesus was born of a virgin in order that He could live a perfect sinless life and be the unblemished blood sacrifice for the sins of the world (Deuteronomy 17: 1).

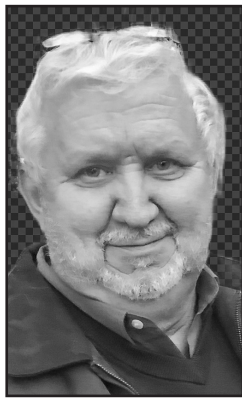
To give us eternal life for simply believing something doesn’t seem like a very high price to pay but the Bible says what the Bible says.

I sure miss my dad. Father’s Day is a very special time and an emotional time for me. Time doesn’t heal if healing is forgetting, as many believe. I’m catching myself with tears in my eyes as I type this.

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## Bobby McMMain

Bobby Wayne McMMain, 71, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital.



Bobby was born in Morganfield, Kentucky, on June 19, 1953, to the late James Robert McMMain and Betty Jean Capps Baker. He was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in Germany and Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam, he served in combat with the “NO SLACK” battalion of the 101st Airborne Division and was awarded the Bronze Star. Bobby was so proud and honored to be included in the Honor Flight of Southern Indiana in October 2023.

For many years, Bobby worked in the coal mines at the Peabody Coal Camp No. 2 mine. He also was in the auction business for 30 years and a car salesman. He was most known for firewood on the curve in Corydon, Kentucky.

In addition to his father and mother, he was preceded in death by two siblings, two half siblings, two grandchildren, and one stepsibling.

Survivors include his wife, DeLaine “Lainie” Morgan; five children, Bobby McMMain Jr., of Lawrenceville, Illinois, Augusta McMMain of Elwood, Indiana, Shawna McMMain of Morganfield, Kentucky, Heather Kell (Jeremy) of Evansville, Indiana, and Ryan McMMain (Allison) of Alexandria, Kentucky; his stepfather, Alan Baker of Morganfield, Kentucky; four sisters, Pam Moore (Paul) and Debbie Gibson (James), both of Morganfield, Kentucky, Patty Sallee of Newburgh, Indiana, and Joyce Mosley (George) of Dekoven, Kentucky; two half-siblings, Robin McMMain of Princeton, Kentucky and Monica Foster (Stacy) of Sturgis, Kentucky, one stepbrother, Alan Rhea Baker (Teresa) of Indianapolis, Indiana; one stepbrother-in-law, John “Jake” Jacobs of Henderson, Kentucky. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend Jeff McMMain officiated. Full military rites were performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40 at the funeral home prior to the service.

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery in Waverly, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Randy Hagan, Johnny Ratley, Jamie Hite, Zaine Biggers, Kolby Biggers, Tony Delano and Alan Rhea Baker.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rudyrowland.com](http://www.rudyrowland.com).

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## Deaths And Funerals

### Mary Gardner

Mary Frances Gardner, 80, of Morganfield died on Sunday, June 1.

She was born on December 24, 1944 in Auburn, Illinois.

Mary was a homemaker who dedicated her life to her family.

She is survived by her husband of 57



years, Jack Gardner; a son, Eric (Stacy) Gardner; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two sisters, Clair Donnelly and Shirl (Jerry) Kersey; three brothers, Bill, Ed (Linda), and Bob (Kara) Shreeves; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Vernie Shreeves; four brothers, Art Shreeves, Leroy Shreeves, Fred

Shreeves, and Rick Shreeves; and her grandparents.

She loved her family and enjoyed family gatherings. She enjoyed making jewelry, rummaging adventures, and sister trips.

Mary was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Morganfield.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 7 at Heath Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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Applications can be picked up and turned in at the Union County Judge/Executive's Office located at 100 West Main St., Morganfield, KY 42437. They may be obtained via email by emailing [jill.hunle.y@unioncountky.gov](mailto:jill.hunle.y@unioncountky.gov) or on the County's website at [www.unioncountkyky.org](http://www.unioncountkyky.org). Applications will be accepted until June 20, 2025.

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Ruger American 308 Flash suppressor with scope  
Ruger LCP 380

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