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sacrifice, perfection. He was willing to beat his own son to obtain perfection.

"Jesus came to save me from God, the father," he said of his early belief as a Christian. "Jesus would stand between me and God, so he wouldn't know what a worthless piece of trash I am."

This version of God made safety the driving force of Young's life. He created a version of himself to fit whatever was needed to win people's approval.

It took 11 years and the introduction of his wife, Kim, and her family into his life to change this perception. In his speeches, Young called this period his "construction and deconstruction." It was during this time that he learned God is love. In "The Shack," this loving God is first depicted as an African-American woman. Young said the women he grew up around during his youth were the people "who build the bridges I walked my path on." Later in the book, God is identified as a man.

"I was 50 before I was able to wash the face of my father off the face of God," he said.

It also took a very hard fall.

As Young worked on his "construction and deconstruction," he was faced with what many people face — a financial crisis. He had hid how bad it was from his wife and was about to lose everything. So he prayed and fasted, seeking God's answer.

On the fifth day of his fast, he got his answer. Young called his friends and said, "Whatever happens, don't bail me out." They were by his side at the courthouse as his home of 17 years was sold at auction.

During those several years after the auction, when Young was working three jobs, that he started writing "The Shack." It was originally meant to be a way for his family and friends to understand how he thinks. He condensed the transformation from those 11 years to the one weekend depicted in "The Shack."

WANT TO HEAR YOUNG SPEAK?

■ To listen to Paul Young's presentations, visit the following websites:

■ St. Paul Q&A: <https://soundcloud.com/rectorst-pauls>

■ Edenton Baptist: <https://youtu.be/tz1-eLJm0M>

In 2007, it became a novel with an original printing of 15 copies given to friend and family members. Those friends passed it on to their friends, who passed it on to their friends. People started taking notice. Some people in Hollywood loved his book, but it wasn't a bestseller or published by a real publishing house. After pitching it to several secular and Christian publishing companies — and being turned down — they published it themselves. Fast forward a few years, and it has sold over 20 million copies. It was turned into a motion picture that came out in 2017.

All of this, Young said, wasn't anything he dreamed of — "everything that happened because of this book has been a surprise." Writing for him is a "way of letting the inside world out." He had done it a lot, but most of his writings prior to "The Shack" had been destroyed.

This path that led Young to Edenton was created by God. The book, in its simplest parable form, is a look at the goodness of God and trusting in him.

He cites examples of how people lose focus on God and his plan for us in the concept of future-tripping: Imagining various scenarios to prepare for what's ahead. When you look ahead like that, Young says, you take God out of the equation. You lose trust in him.

That's why Young now tends to live for the "Grace of the Day."

"When you live in the day, you become more receptive to God's plan. ... Joy becomes a constant companion," he said. "God doesn't live in imaginations. God is here."

"When you move from your head to your heart, you move into trust."

David Alvin Fleetwood

ROPER - David Alvin Fleetwood, USN (Ret), 78, of 121 Bateman's Beach Road, passed away on Monday, March 5, 2018, in Vidant Medical Center, Greenville.



Mr. Fleetwood was born in Jefferson, Texas on September 11, 1939, and was the son of the late Donnie Allen and Ethel Lorane McKinney Fleetwood. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Navy for 23 years, and retired with the rank of Senior Chief. He was a member of Yeopim Baptist Church and the American Legion.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David Russell Fleetwood; and by his brothers, John and Joe Fleetwood.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 49 years, Linda Brabble Fleetwood; daughters, Debbie Lorenzo of Oregon, and Karen Moore and husband Steve of Holly Springs; a son, Michael Fleetwood and wife Peggy of Pelham, AL; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Fleetwood of Largo, FL; three sisters, Patricia Brown and Glenda Noble, both of Springfield OR, and Barbara Merigis of Rainier, OR; ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 10th, at 11:00 a.m. in Yeopim Baptist Church and was conducted by Pastor Karl Head. The burial with military honors followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Yeopim Baptist Church, in care of Eula Jordan, 1201 Yeopim Road, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

Toni Smith Kuykendall

FRISCO, TX - Toni Smith Kuykendall, 64, of 12005 Curry Creek Drive, Frisco, TX, and a former resident of both Edenton and Elizabeth City, NC, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.



Toni was born in Chowan County on December 1, 1953, and was the daughter of the late Tony Wilburn and Gwendolyn "Pete" Sutton Smith. While living in Elizabeth City, she worked as a LPN with Dr. Roger Tolson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Carroll Smith.

Surviving are her husband of 27 years, Brian Alan Kuykendall of the home; two daughters, Tara Cox Forehand and husband Chris of Grifton, NC, and Bonnie Cox Hoffman and husband Jason of Warrington, PA; her sister, Betty Smith Bateman of Hertford, NC; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Smith of Edenton; and four grandchildren, Hailey Sutton Forehand, Tyler Reid Forehand, Justin Alan Hoffman, and Andrew Seth Hoffman. Also surviving are Brian's parents, Bob and Faye Kuykendall, and Brian's three brothers, Bob, Dean, and Jimmy, and their families.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Edenton Baptist Church, and will be conducted by the Rev. David Brooks. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Inurnment on the family plot at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery will follow the visitation.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

OBITUARIES

Judy Dueber Halbert

REDMOND, WA - Judy was born in St. Louis, MO on November 6, 1940 to Clarence Eugene Dueber and Dorothy Carpenter Dueber. She was one of eight siblings, four sisters (Joanne, Jeanne, Julie and Mary Jane) and three brothers (Tom, Mike, and Dan).

She met her future husband, Rich, at a Southeast Missouri State University Freshman "mixer" in October 1959. Judy and Rich were married on August 18, 1962. They have two children. Their daughter, Laura Marie, was born in 1963. Laura lives in Bellevue, WA and is married to Tom Van Horn. They have three children: Bryan and twins John and Katherine. Their son, Richard Vincent, Jr. was born in 1967. Richard lives in Sammamish, WA and is married to the former Peggy Mayhew. They have two children: Richard III and William.

Her young family lived in St. Louis where she was a stay-at-home Mom until their son was in High School.

Judy was a wonderful seamstress, becoming an accomplished quilter. She also worked tirelessly sewing costumes for the Metropolitan Ballet of St. Louis as well as serving on their Board of Directors. She was employed as an Executive Secretary in the Parkway School District and later by the Eighth Circuit US Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

In 1983 she accompanied Rich for a year in Newport, RI while he attended the Naval War College. While in Newport she enjoyed the excitement of the last America's Cup race ever held there.

Her early travels included a VW "Beetle" camping trip to the Expo 67 World's Fair in Montreal. While on that trip, Laura was informed that she would soon have a new baby sibling who turned out to be her brother Rich. Judy loved exploring our Colonial heritage and family genealogy in New England. Favorite places were Newport, Boston, Williamsburg, and Monticello.

Judy and Rich moved from St. Louis to Washington, DC in 1989 where Rich was appointed Director of International Operations for the Defense Mapping Agency. They retired in 1998 to Edenton, NC where they restored the first Mill Village house purchased from Preservation North Carolina at 412 Phillips Street. While in Edenton, she was active in Republican politics, originally in the combined Chowan-Perquimans women's group and later in the Chowan County GOP. Judy campaigned and supported her husband Rich's bid for North Carolina Senate in 2010. She attended numerous County, District and State GOP conventions.

Judy traveled extensively throughout Europe, once visiting her son who was a US Congress-German Bundestag Scholarship student. Her travels included a 1990 trip through Eastern Europe, shortly after the fall of the Soviet Union. On one of her visits to Rome she attended Easter weekend services, including Stations of the Cross in the Roman Colosseum and Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square, both celebrated by Pope (Saint) John Paul II.

Judy loved her Cruises! Their honeymoon was a cruise to Nassau in 1962 and was celebrated with a 50th Anniversary "re-Cruise" to Nassau. She also cruised to Alaska, through the Panama Canal, and twice to various Caribbean ports.

In their retirement, Judy and Rich traveled throughout the United States in their motor home. Beginning in 2000, they spent their summers in Seattle with their families and parts of the winter in Florida. Since both children were now living in the Seattle area they finally moved to their current Redmond home in 2015.

Her greatest joy, however, was her grandchildren (and everyone else's grandchildren!). She could never get enough of babies and loved pointing them out wherever she saw them. Part of her joy was attending grandchildren's golf tournaments, swim meets, cross country meets, Destination Imagination Global competition, Jazz and band concerts, Eagle Scout projects, and plays.

Judy, age 77, was fortified by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, February 21.

Remembrances may be made in Judy's name to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://alz.org/>) or the American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/>). Friends are encouraged to sign her guest-book at (<http://www.flintofts.com/>). Rich's mailing address is 11260 241st Place NE, Redmond, WA 98053.

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Chowan County residents who are interested in being appointed to fill upcoming vacancies on various boards and committees are encouraged to fill out an application. The Chowan County Board of Commissioners appoint representatives to local and regional committees, boards, commissions and authorities. Applicants should be a resident of Chowan County

Chowan County Nursing Home Advisory Board - Chowan County Planning Board

Applications are being considered for Area "B" at this time.

Applications are available at the **Chowan County Managers Office** or online. For more information, contact

Susanne Stallings, County Clerk (252) 482-8431 x 1 or email susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ March 8 — Joshua Allen Rea, 28, of Macedonia Road, was charged with one felony count of possession of a Schedule 1 controlled substance.

■ March 4 — Dylann Anthony Brown, 23, of North Broad Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ March 3 — Eric Jon Swenson, 54, of South Broad Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.

■ March 1 — Carl Anthony Matthews, 52, of Waterford Place, was charged with one count of communicating threats.

■ March 1 — Taylor Elaina Jethro, 25, of Macedonia Road, was issued a criminal summons on one misdemeanor count of larceny.

■ March 1 — Kenan Avery White, 30, of Old Merry Hill Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of larceny.

■ Feb. 28 — Dexter Jermell White, 31, of Boswell Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

■ Feb. 28 — Tycorick Devon Johnson, 23, of Joyful Lane, was arrested on one felony count of possession with intent to manufacture, sell or distribute a Schedule VI controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

INCIDENTS

■ March 4 — Breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle on South Moseley Street.

■ March 1 — Vandalism on East Freemason Street.

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