



# Frontline Chronicles

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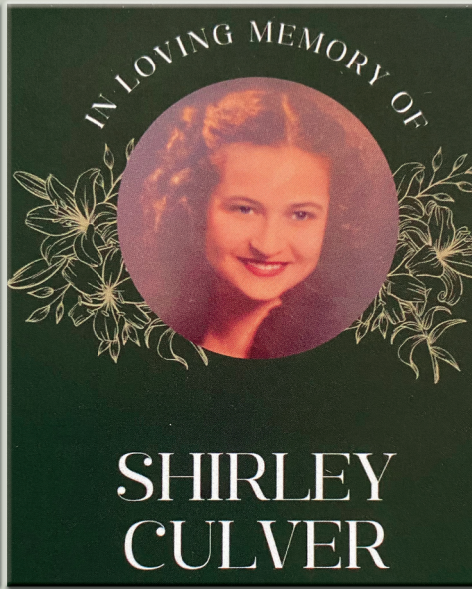
Nathan and Dawn Pietsch  
Frontline Missionaries.

*Dear Friends & Family*

*September, 2023*



*Nathan went on a hiking excursion in an Oregon desert.*



*We celebrated the legacy of Shirley Culver.*



*Our friends celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.*

## Death of Loved Ones

*By Nathan D. Pietsch*

In the month of September, Dawn and I had a wonderful ministry friend named Lorelei Harris pass into glory. She was in her seventies. Last month, another ministry friend named Shirley Culver passed on. She was 98. Regardless of somebody living a long, fruitful life, it is still difficult for the people they leave behind. It is normal and healthy to grieve and mourn their departure. However, how should we, or for how long should we mourn? The Scriptures seems to give us a blueprint for Biblical mourning.

First, people mourned differently during Biblical times than we do now. The people wept and wailed loudly (Mark 5:38). They had flute players and noisy crowds wailing (Matthew 9:23). They released all their emotions in dramatic style without bottling or stuffing their feelings.

Second, the Bible indicates a person should only mourn for a deceased person anywhere from 1-77 days. In 2 Samuel 1:11-12, David and his men mourned, wept, and fasted for a day at the death of Saul and Jonathan. The children of Israel wept for Moses for 30 days until the days of weeping and mourning had ended (Deuteronomy 34:8). The Egyptians mourned 77 days for the passing of Jacob (Genesis 50:3, 10).

The passing of friends and family is never easy. However, if you experience this sort of situation do not let the grief and mourning linger for years or it could effect you in an unhealthy manner.



# Various Photos From September, 2023



Our friends, Ed and Cher Frankel had their 50th anniversary.



Nathan and Dawn Pietsch.



Nathan backpacking in the canyons of Central Oregon.



Rocks and canyons in Central Oregon.



Nathan and Dawn both celebrated their birthdays.



Shirley Culver was a nurse during the WWII era.