



Thursday, I went to the funeral of my Great Aunt Myrtle Lacy. She was 92 years old when she died and one of those people you will always remember, (Full of life and laughter). Afterwards, I travel towards Scottsboro, Alabama and just as I begin to cross the Tennessee River, I see a storm coming towards me. It begins raining so hard you cannot see across the river. The winds pick up and start to push the car around and for good measure, thunder and lightning join in to complete the storm.

Just then, another distinctive weather phenomenon appears before my eyes. A Rainbow bends across the sky defining the boundary of the thunderstorm. So, I jump out of the car and begin to take pictures of this surprising event. As I look through the camera I can see in one corner, the storm (rain, wind, thunder and lightning) and in the other corner I see a rainbow (beautiful, tranquil and unaffected by the storm).

As I watch this ancient battle, I marvel at how quickly the storm passes. Before I could take a dozen photos, the show is over. The hostile winds have been replaced by a refreshing breeze. Once there was uncertainty and threats, now all that's left is a promise and the outline of a beautiful bow in the sky.

We shall all face trouble. Rain is going to fall on us when we want fair weather. The wind is going to "huff and puff" and try to blow our house down. We are going to hear the thunder, and see the lightning. But if we stop and look up we shall see the rainbow in the sky, promising better days.

## Something to think about:

- The soul would have no rainbow had the eye no tears.
- The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. — *Dolly Parton*
- When God puts a tear in your eye, it's because he wants to put a rainbow in your heart.
- Grant me, O God, the power to see  
    In every rose, eternity.  
    In every bud, the coming day;  
    In every snow, the promised May;  
    In every storm the legacy  
    Of rainbows smiling down at me!  
    VIRGINIA WUERFEL

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