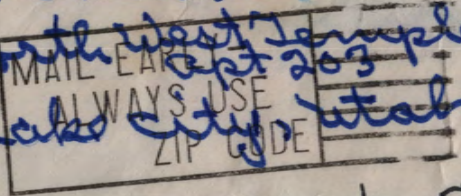


Nita Dear,
I wish there had been
sufficient time for me to
recopy the talk. Hope you
can make it out alright.
Please correct all spelling.
With my Love,
Aunt Grace.

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Grace Nixon Stewart's

Jessco Cowley Nixon
Aunt Grace's Funeral Address
Thurs. 7th July 1983

It is a privilege to speak at the services of ^{our} beloved brother Jessco.

If only it were possible for me to give adequately the feelings in my heart for this noble man.

Being a number of years their senior it was my responsibility to look after ~~my two~~ Ezra and Jessco. Our beautiful sister Olive, who took care of our home, saw that ~~we~~ had sufficient milk in Jessco's bottle, and other needs, before we left for the store to report to mother.

~~At times we were mother permitted us to do~~ The wicker baby carriage in which Jessco rode, Ezra walking beside it, and, as always, trying to help, I pushing the buggy was a familiar picture to the hunting towns folk.

At times mother would ^{allow} ~~permit~~ us to visit friends ~~for a short time~~

Our ~~precious~~^{penacious} brother St. Clair was especially protective of his two younger brothers.

At Provo High School Jessco met ~~the~~^{the girl of his} dream girl, Mildred Jones, she was the only ~~(only)~~^{love} romantic ~~love~~ of his life.

Jessco had a brilliant mind and a thirst for scholastic achievement. He completed four years of High School in three years, with a ^{university} grade.

~~Jessco attended~~ the ^{university} of Utah until he was called on a mission to England ^{at the age of 21} when

As I ponder Jessco's life ^{comes to mind} ~~and~~ ^{poignantly} ~~and~~ ^{ideas} ~~and~~ ^{desires} ~~and~~ ^{attitudes, desires and ideals} ~~than could I~~ ^{than could I.}

" Oh Father who gives life to all the world.
Hear me, I am one of thy children.
I need Thy strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes
Ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things Thou
hast made,
my ears sharp to hear Thy voice.
make me wise so that I will know
what thou hast taught my people.
I seek strength Father to be able to fight
my greatest enemy myself.
may I ever be ready to come to
Thee with clean hands and
straight eyes
So that when life fades, as the fading
sunset,
my spirit may come to Thee without
shame." X

At the conclusion of ^{Jessco} his mission Mildred met his ship as it docked in the harbor. They were married in New York City. On their arrival home they were sealed for all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

Jessco again attended the U. of U. for another year. He had clearly ^{defined} ~~defined~~ objectives, and, with the help of his devoted wife, achieved them. He decided to continue his education at George Washington University in Washington D.C. There he received his B.S. degree in accounting and graduated with honors. He was a member of the National Honor Society Alpha Kappa Psi. ~~Then he~~ ^{He} received his masters degree in accounting ~~where he also~~ ^{and again} received highest honors.

Later he obtained his doctorate of jurisprudence. ~~at this time he was awarded~~ ~~He was then awarded~~ the highest recognition cum laude. Subsequently ~~Jessco~~ ^{he} held several important governmental positions which he ~~where~~ ^{where} distinguished with distinction.

Jessco and Mildred lived in their beautiful ^{home} in Arlington Virginia for 30 years. Their gracious hospitality ~~has been enjoyed by several in this audience~~

Several in audience have been of opinion that

Jessco had a deep love for his parents, ~~and~~ brothers and sisters, as ~~we~~ ~~did~~ ^{we all} ~~did~~ for each other. Symbolic of ~~his~~ ^{their} love for each of our family was thoughtfully demonstrated at the approach of our brother Willie's ~~80 birthday~~ ^{eightieth birthday}.

Jessco said, "Something important should be done in recognition of ~~willies~~ outstanding ~~accomplishments~~, achievements. So he and Mildred arranged all, notified ~~all~~ the brothers and sisters, relatives and close friends of the date and place, and we were all there. It was an event ever to be ~~cherished~~ ^{cherished} ~~remembered~~ in memory.

Jessco never permitted himself to become discouraged. This took courage, but courage he had. He recognized that discouragement diminishes ones resolves and leaves one venerable for Saton's cunning devices. He agreed with Wm James, the noted Harvard psychologist, who said, in essence "The mind is like a sponge. It absorbs what it holds. If we hold in our minds, and hearts, great ideas of faith and enthusiasm our intire personalities are changed accordingly. If we hold negative thoughts we develop negative minds. If we think depraved thoughts we develop depraved minds. If we think thoughts of discouragement we develop easily discouraged minds. However if we think lofty thoughts we develop inspiring ~~thoughts~~ minds. Jessco seemed to possess mental clipppers that instantly illuminated negth thoughts.

Jessco was honest. He had integrity

We could always depend on his doing what he said he would do.
* He was very generous.
He delighted in helping others but never wanted his helpfulness known to others. He followed our Lord's admonition, "give in secret;"

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Suzanne, her father's second love, continued in his tradition. In High School she received no grade lower than an "A". She was Valedictorian at that graduation. I recall seeing a newspaper picture with President Nixon's arm around Suzanne. The caption read, "Suzanne is one of the brighter Nixons."

Ed and Suzanne graduated from the Brigham Young University. Ed majored in engineering and Suzanne in foods and nutrition. They both received the coveted Phi Kappa Phi honor.

He held several positions of heavy responsibility in the Church.

Jessco was always deeply religious. His great desire for his posterity was that they keep ~~the~~ our Heavenly Father's commandments, be faithful, and active members of our Church. And maintain the ~~honor of~~ honorable name he had given them.

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Yed, Suzanne and their children have brought Mildred and Jessco boundless happiness;

The joy of watching their developmental process as they prepare for their chosen professions. Their constant consideration and thoughtfulness have enhanced the richness of their lives. How grateful we are that families are eternal.

Jessco had so many notable qualities. We have enumerated but a few.

We will miss his gentle smile, his soft chuckle, his love and concern for us. We will never forget him. His life will be our inspiration.

His last brief moments before
he passed from this life were in his
~~High School Sweetheart arms.~~ were
in the arms of his High School
Sweetheart, with whom it was easy
to keep in love as to fall in
love.

We are grateful that death so
softly succeeded life in him, he
did but dream of heaven and he
was there. ~~He has ^{now} joined others who~~
~~loved and love him.~~ He has now joined
others who loved and love him.

You will now not walk alone mildred

dear.

you will feel his presence in the
silken dusk,

as you hear old songs you both
loved

as you walk on ~~at~~ moonlight
evenings ^{and} recall your years
to-gether.

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In closing may I recall ~~to our minds & heads~~ ^{thoughts} of the Great Exemplar. Telephone 328 0325

Two thousand years ago there lived, and died, a man who saw the unseen, who looked at us and saw us clearly, all that we are, and all that we could be, and cared enough to die on a lonely hill that we might some day understand.

He lived a simple life, said the things he really thought, and nothing that he did not mean.

~~He lived a simple life~~
He did not cover himself with words and worldly ways, but drew from the ~~depths~~ ^{depths} of him, and was not ashamed to show all that he was.

That we, and our families, may be worthy of true happiness, grateful for the beauty of our world, and live as our Lord and Savior would have us live, is my prayer, in the sacred name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Amen