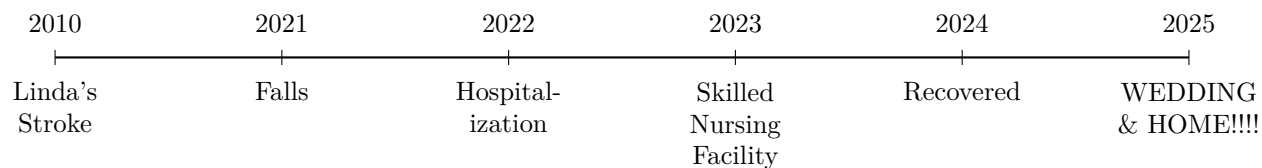


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The Raising of Tabitha

Acts 9:36-42
"Tabitha, get up!"
Arise my Gazelle!
Aramaic
(*Tabithā qūm*)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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His Excellency James Conley
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Your Excellency,

We have been parish members of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, Nebraska since just after my wife entered a nursing home adjacent to the church. Fathers Timmerman, Pfeiffer, and at first Father Bedient wonderfully visited my wife there and continue to minister to her. God bless them for that (and the Church Ladies).

My wife's ardent desire is to attend Mass (as other residents do) but that has been blocked by her guardian, her sister, who is in Florida and is a relapsed Catholic. We made all the preparations to be married in August and filled out the requisite paperwork with Father Pfeiffer. However, that was blocked by the same guardian.

Moreover, the guardian has taken the position that Linda will not be able to be buried in the Catholic cemetery there where we have a plot.

I am requesting that you or someone in the Church file a simple Objection based upon the denial of religious services. Of course, I am in Court on this matter (PR 22-1652) in Douglas County. I am not asking you to enter into the case. I am simply looking for a religious objection that Linda be granted her religious freedom to attend, be married, and buried in the Catholic Traditions. It is a big ask, I know.

At any rate, enjoy the jams—work of my hands and my wife's recipe. If you care to file something, there is an online form for Notice of Right to Object form (CC 16:2.16).

We are not living in The City of God, though it seems just as contentious as the times of Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome. If unaddressed, Linda is not the only person facing such secular discrimination.

Yours in Christ,

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