REMEMBERING

By

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I came to Dyer in 1930 with my brother and his family to pick cotton in the Dyer bottoms. At that time Dyer was a farming Community and had an abundance of cotton to be picked by hands. At that time there were very few cars and farming was done with mules. There were not any tractors to help with the farm work.

I met Jim Moore and we were soon married. In the thirties and forties it wasn't easy to make a living. We farmed for a few years and there were some factory's in Fort Smith and Jim went to work for "Rim and Bow" for some time. It wasn't easy but we managed and raised six children, four boys and two girls. They are having it easier than we did when we first married. Times have changed and work is plentiful and anyone that wants to work can find work.

Jim worked several years at "Rim and Bow" and then went to work for the State Highway and worked there until he retired in 1971 after 29 years. Our boys finished High School and as they finished school they joined the service. Our oldest son, James, joined the Navy for four years. He met a girl in Florida and married her and has lived there ever since but he still says Dyer is his home. Jerry went in the Navy and served four years and brought his wife, Judy, back home with him from California. They bought the John Wright old home place from Boyd and Jane Dodson. Jane is a daughter of Irl and Lorena Moss Lancaster, and Jerry and Judy Moore built a home there. Gary Moore joined the National Guards and served several years in the Guards. He now has a home in Mountainburg, Crawford County, Arkansas. Danny Moore joined the Marines and served four years. He has built a house just north of Dyer

Our oldest daughter married Charles Wilkerson and he works for the Government and they move a lot. At this time they live in Dallas, Texas, but she still calls Dyer their home. They visit us often.

Wanda's husband was in the Army and they traveled several states before he retired in 1983 with 24 years of service behind them. They now live near Alma, Crawford County, Arkansas, but they plan to build a house north of Dyer soon.

Jim, my husband, liked to joke about the change since 1930, the depression years. He would comment about how he went from a "straw Mattress" to a "water bed". Jim has gone on but I still live in Dyer and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. God had been good to us. Once we lost our home and everything we had in a fire. We got busy and built us another home and I don't want to live anywhere else for I have a lot of wonderful friends in Dyer and my children and grandchildren are wonderful to me.

Jim and I had fifty-four years and one month together which were wonderful years. Not all the time was easy but I don't think God wants us to have everything easy for we might forget Him. We attended the Assembly of God Church which we have been a member over forty-five years.

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