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The family suggest memorials to the Audrey House Boles Fund at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX 79072.

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Danny Andrews, Editor

Lessons from a life well lived.

At the funeral of longtime Wayland registrar Audrey Boles on Tuesday at College Heights Baptist Church, the pastor, Don Robertson, read from some "Random Thoughts" Mrs. Boles wrote down in June of 1984.

They were discovered in a drawer by a granddaughter.

Mrs. Boles was a simple woman who grasped the deeper qualities and values of life, as evidenced by some of these remarks that are good for all of us to hear.

•“I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know.”

•We memorized a lot in elementary and junior high when I was a student in the early '30s. Some of the poetry and brief sayings have stayed with me and have actually become my philosophy of life.

•I learned from my Dad to be cheerful and happy, even in the face of adversity.

•I learned from my brother to be frugal so I could have something for a rainy day or for someone else when they needed it.

•Mother taught me, “A soft answer turneth away wrath,” and, “In whatsoever state I am to be content.”

•From my parents too I learned to have a routine or schedule so life would run more smoothly.

•From my sister I learned that learning is not always easy.

•I finished my growing up in the Boles family. From them I learned to think “strong,” not “weak.”

•From the funny papers I picked up from Popeye, “I am what I am and that’s all I am.”

•From my sister-in-law Catherine I learned to keep my problems to myself.

•From hymns I learned to “Take my burdens to the Lord and leave them there.”

•An eighth grade teacher taught me: “Never to go to midnight previews,” that nice people were home in bed at that time.

•My English teacher taught me that it is better to get up earlier and clean up the dishes than to go off and leave them. I have not always practiced that, however.

•Many things I have learned from myself. For example, getting too excited upsets my stomach so I must be calm no matter what the circumstance. Hurry affects me the same way so I try to take time for everything. I must eat “on time” to keep my emotional balance.

•Somewhere I learned to appreciate the finer things of life, good music, theatre, books, etc.

•The quiet sounds of the country, birds singing, a cock crowing, the moo of a cow all are beautiful to me. I do not need the loud, harsh sounds of cars honking, sirens, TV or radio.

•Instead of the sounds we usually hear in a home, I believe we should hear people talking while others listen.

•Writing letters and keeping in touch with friends and family I caught from my mother.

•The Boles’ close contact with previous generations inspired me to search back into my family for information.

•From my children I learned that no two are alike and you must deal with each one according to his needs.

Mrs. Boles added this footnote on July 24, 1996: I allowed Mollie (her granddaughter) to go into the store for some milk. I told her I wanted 2 percent milk and it had a purple top.

She said, “Granny, I think I understand, but if I get the wrong kind, we’ll just have to live with it.”

Sure enough she got a purple top, but it was skim milk, and we have just “lived with it.”

I didn’t want to wait for her to change it. Her daddy said she probably got that philosophy from him. I expect I practice it even more than he does.

Thank you, Mrs. Boles, for some great lessons taught even after you have passed this life.