

I grew up near Kewanee, Illinois. I was raised with Christian values, but never really knew about salvation. While in high school, I had the opportunity to attend a Bible camp. I heard the word of God and it was explained to me for the first time. I accepted Christ as my Savior on the last night campfire. Praise God!!!

I met my first husband, Charles Claeys, a few years later. The following year, our son Christopher was born. The Lord convicted me about how could I raise my son to know the Lord, when I myself was not serving Him. I started attending Emmanuel Baptist Church in Kewanee. The very next week, my husband started attending with me and later that summer was saved. We worked together raising our son and serving the Lord.

Before our son's third birthday, my husband was killed in an industrial accident. Someday I will see him again in heaven. After this tragedy, I started attending Black Hawk East Junior College, while raising my son and serving the Lord in my church. I graduated and continued on with my degree at Bradley University. I graduated from Bradley Magna Cum Lade in 1978. All the while, I continued serving the Lord in my church working in various ministries. I also became a Scout leader because there were no men stepping up to help. I received the District Award of Merit while serving the Boy Scouts. Very few women ever receive the award.

I started my son in public school, but during his third grade year, I moved him to a Christian school. During this time, I was teaching at Wethersfield public schools in Kewanee. As I continued to teach and keep Christopher in Christian school, the Lord started working in my heart to teach in a Christian school. When my son was a senior in high school, I moved to the Quad City area. I taught one year at East Moline Christian School, where my son graduated as salutatorian of his class. I left there and taught at Quint City Baptist School for four years. While teaching there, I met and married my husband, Ron Camper. After marrying Ron, I started teaching at Temple Christian Academy in 1992. After the junior and senior high school closed, Quad Cities Christian School was born. I love teaching and working with young people, not only math, but helping influencing their lives to serve Christ.

My life verse is **Romans 12: 1-3** **"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."**