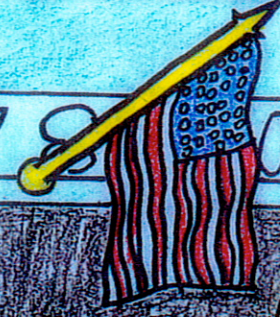


Seasons of Life



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Audubon's sixth grade
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***This biography is
dedicated to
Janie Nichols...***

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***We will always
treasure our times
together.***

Dan and Janie

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Chapter 1: Spring of Life

In the spring of Janie Nichols' life, from birth through her teen years, she lived a fascinating but troublesome childhood.

A cry was heard in a home in Virginia, as a new life was brought into the world on June 1, 1905. The new child's name was Janie Mc Geehee. Her eyes glistened in the light, as her mother and father were astonished. Janie was about 7 pounds and was the 6th of 8 children in a grand family.

During her extraordinary childhood, Janie got into a lot of mischief. When Janie was a child, her mother told her to stay in bed because she was making a turkey. The turkey was in a pot with boiling hot water. But knowing Janie,

with her getting into so much trouble, she got out of bed anyway. She saw the pot with the turkey and boiling water. Janie put her arm in it. Because the hospitals were so far away back then, Janie's dad had to treat it. Janie still has a scar to this day.

Janie traveled to school by walking. She had to walk a tiresome two miles each way to get to and from school.

Janie could not go to the first grade until she was 8 years old. The reason why is because when Janie was very little, she went outside in the chilly winter's day. She was having so much fun, she didn't want to go inside. As a result, Janie's heels froze. For seven winters after that, the same thing happened.

Janie did very well in school. Janie's favorite teacher was a beautiful and classy lady named Victoria Jones. Janie

was a great speller. In a spelling bee, Janie got a perfect score. Her father was so pleased, he bought Janie a pin with Janie's name on it.

During her wonderful childhood, Janie had many friends. Her best friends during her childhood were Virginia Ferron, Hasle Ferron, Mary Dickson, and Verra Morton. Janie and her friends usually played "Kick-the-Can" and invented some of their own games.

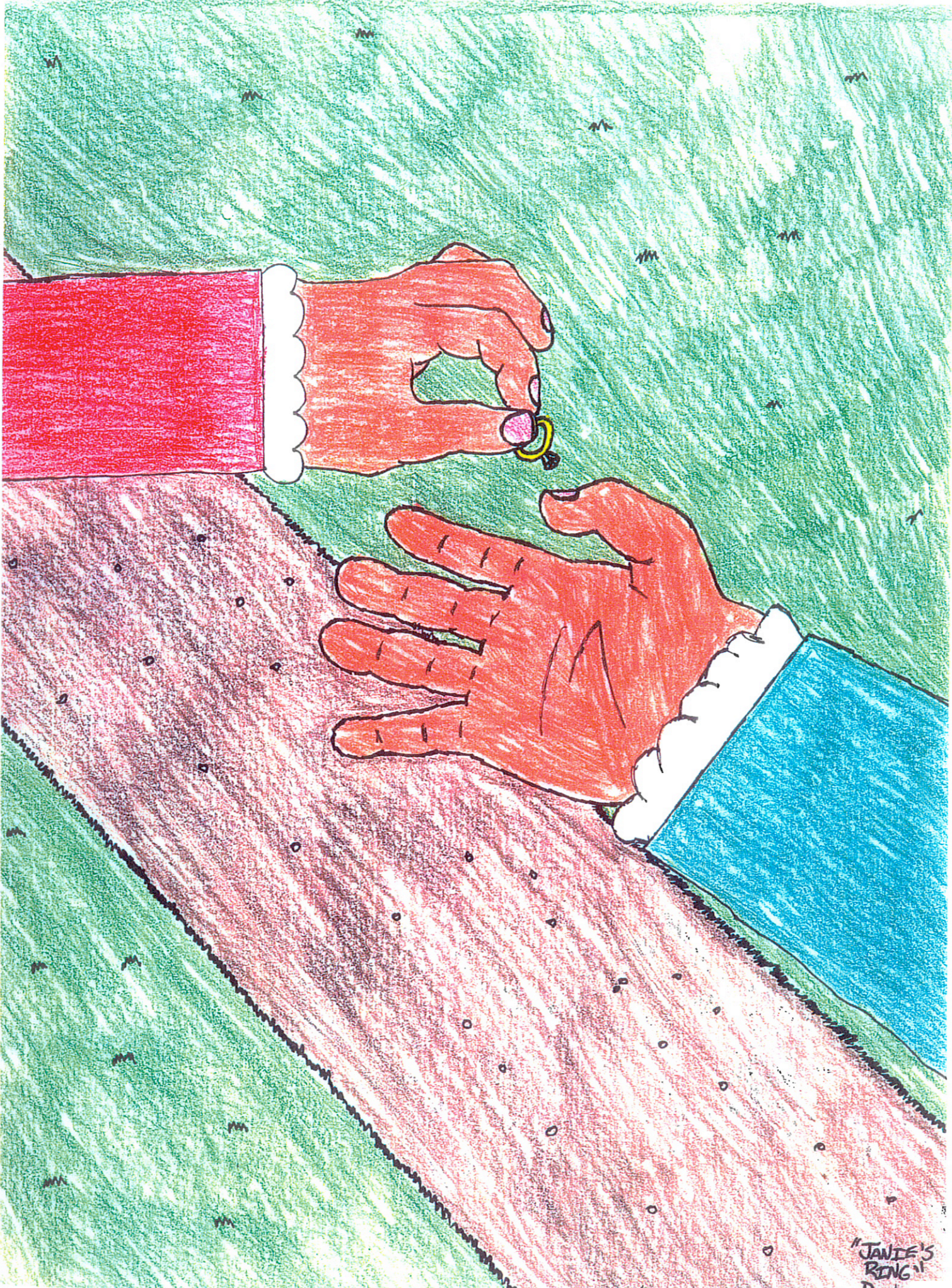
When Janie was in grade school, a little boy gave her a ring. Janie loved it, and wore it all of the time in school. Janie did not want to wear it home because she would get into trouble from her parents. She hid it in a hole behind school. She got tired of having to get the ring every day before school. So she let her friend wear it after school. She did not get the ring back.

Janie usually wore a long dress with high-top-button-shoes. That was the style of clothes when Janie was a child.

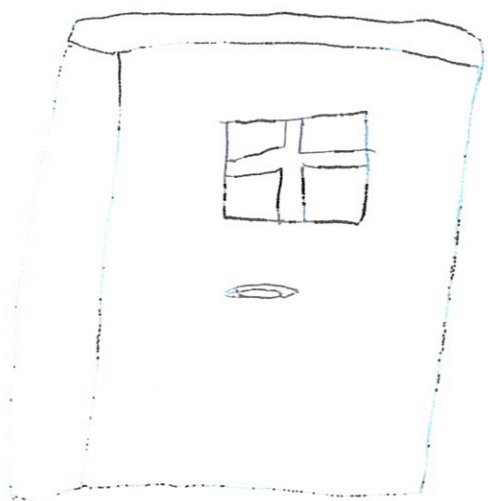
When Janie was a child, she and her brothers and sisters noticed two people chewing tobacco. Janie and her brothers and sisters decided they were going to try it. Afterwards, they started throwing up all over. Their mother said they were punished enough.

Janie's first kiss was when she was 12. Her first high school sweetheart was Harsh Lyle. They played tennis together. Usually they went to movies and fairs for dates.

From her birth to her troubles as a child to her best friends and her first kiss, Janie Nichols had an extraordinary childhood and wonderful teenage life.



"JANIE'S RING"
DAN



Chapter 2: Summer of Life

In the summer of Janie's life, from age 18-35, she had a wonderful and exciting life.

Janie's mom and dad were sad, but proud as Janie moved out of the house when she was 17 years old. She moved out because she was going to college at James Madison University.

James Madison University was an "all-women's" college. She a fantastic student. She stayed in the dorm rooms. She studied all of the time because she majored in Pre-Kindergarten. Janie said that she liked college a lot.

She taught in a number of schools in Virginia for 20 years. She then met the man she would marry when she was 40 years old.

Janie married in 1942 when she was 41 years old. As she walked slowly down the aisle, everyone was stunned by the sight of her beautiful wedding dress. She walked proudly as she approached Boyd Nichols, her future husband. Janie said, "My wedding was fabulous."

Janie and Boyd went on a spectacular honeymoon. They went traveling around the eastern United States and to Canada. Janie had a blast going from hotel to hotel. Janie had a great time on her honeymoon.

A new child was brought into the world when Boyd Nichols was born. The hospital employees were astonished by the sight of the new child. The wonderful child's name was Boyd Nichols Jr. Boyd is Janie's only child.

Boyd got to school by a bus. He didn't have to walk a tiresome two miles to and from school (like Janie). Boyd was a very good child. But when he got into mischief, Janie would punish him by giving him a spanking.

Janie was not affected by the Great Depression, but in a way she was. She was not affected by the loss of money, but she saw too many people on the streets with out homes.

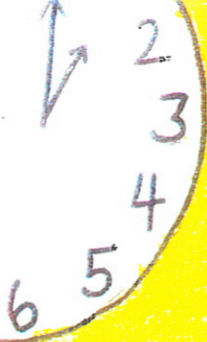
Janie had a wonderful career. She taught school for an exciting 40 years! At first she got paid 60 dollars a month. She taught in Virginia. Janie was great at teaching and she loved it so much.

Janie has lived through many inventions. From the radio, to the television, to lots of cars, Janie saw many neat things during this time. Janie owned some of these inventions during this time: things like a washing machine,

*radio, and television. Janie claims,
"Everything is improving."*

*From going to college, to getting
married, and living through many
inventions, Janie had a fabulous and
exciting summer of life.*

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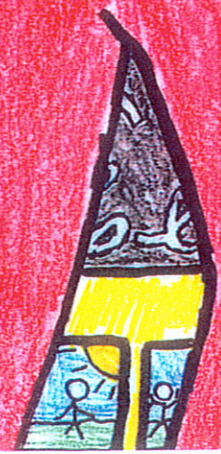


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Chapter 3: Autumn of Life

In the Autumn of Janie Nichols' life, from age 35-65, she lived a wonderful and exiting life.

A big smile was on the face of Janie Nichols, in 1971, as her wonderful son, Boyd, packed up his things and started to move out. She was very happy, and proud of Boyd. It was very different around the house after Boyd left. Janie and her husband had more time for themselves. Janie missed Boyd, but she was so happy for him. Boyd later became an electrical engineer at John Deere.

Janie has four extraordinary grandchildren. Kathy is nineteen, Greg is seventeen, and Becky and Sheron are fifteen-year-old twins. Janie's

grandchildren like to go to Bethany and play games.

Janie loves holidays. She celebrates whenever a special event comes. One of her favorites is Christmas. She claims, "Christmas is a time that people are going to celebrate, and people are going to have everything they can for Christmas, regardless of the depression or war." Janie loved the big feasts that she had during the holidays. Back then, for presents, they gave whatever they could, but Janie says, "It is always a fun time."

Janie had a lot of fun and extraordinary friends during this time. Most of them were teachers where she taught. She also met more friends at dances or church. She was also in a choir, where she met even more people.

Janie is from a family of eight children. She is the only one living today.

Janie's father suffered from cancer before he died. She stood by his bed, and watched him suffer for one whole month. When he did die, Janie cried and cried. But then, she wondered why. She was then happy that he died because she wouldn't have to watch him suffer.

Janie has many heirlooms, for example a 300-year-old doll that has been passed on from generation to generation in her family. She said that if someone was ill in her family, they would get to have the doll. Her mom always hid it until someone was sick. After a while, Janie's mother gave it to her to keep. She also has a 300-year-old couch, which has been restored three times.

One of Janie's favorite things to do is traveling. Janie's favorite vacation was when she went to the beach with her husband. She went on many other fabulous vacations with her husband.

*She has been all over the United States;
she has even been to Canada.*

*From watching Boyd move out, to
having exiting holidays, and going on
wonderful vacations, Janie Nichols had a
fun and wonderful life.*



Dagmar's Christmas



Chapter 4: Winter of Life

In the winter of Janie Nichols' life, from age 65 to the present, she had a thrilling and joyful life.

A glister was in the eye of Janie Nichols 25 years ago, as she stood proud. It was the day that she was retiring from her extraordinary teaching career. Janie taught for 40 exciting and fun years. After retirement, she didn't stop doing anything. She was on the visitation committee at her church. Janie liked to help people, so she visited nursing homes and helped the elderly and sick. Janie said she didn't like to stay home and do nothing.

Throughout her wonderful life, she has seen many advances in technology. When she was asked about technology nowadays, she said, "Oh my heavens! Where can I begin to talk about that?"

Technology has changed Janie's life. She says sooner or later it will help us. Janie tries not to think about technology, because she says it goes too fast.

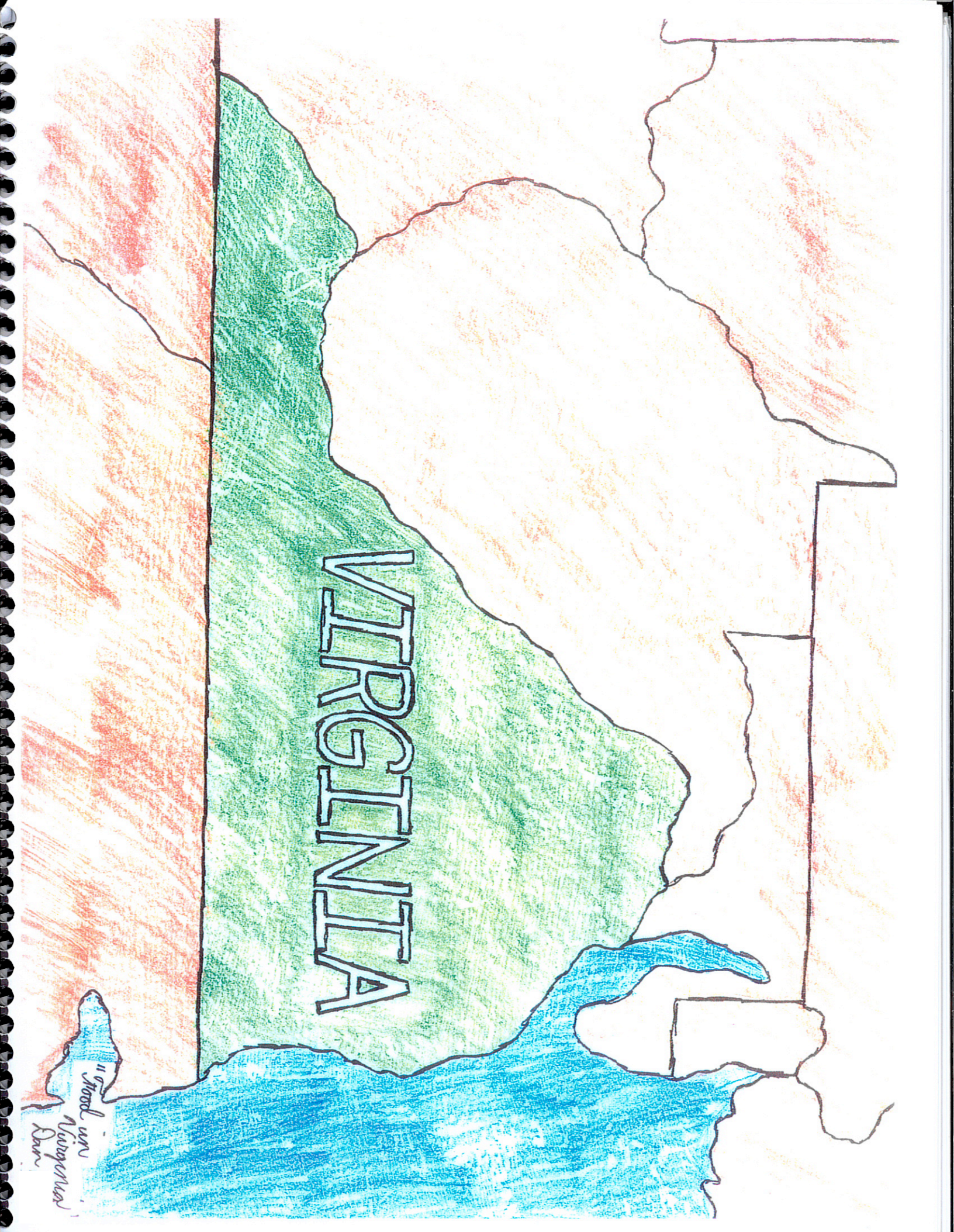
Janie's life changed when she came to Bethany Home. She has to get up early to eat, and she can't go anyplace unless the Bethany Home van goes there. She has the chance to go shopping three times a week, but she usually doesn't go. She likes Bethany a lot. Janie has a lot of fun at Bethany Home. They play bridge. Janie visits with friends. On Fridays, people come to Bethany and play the piano. She likes to go and walk in the garden, and she sits in the gazebo. Janie also likes to play pool. She has a wonderful time. At Bethany, Janie has been sick many times. Every time she has been sick it was pretty serious. Nurses have had to come to help Janie. She has to pay \$5 each time a nurse comes. Janie has had to go to the hospital while she was at Bethany, for

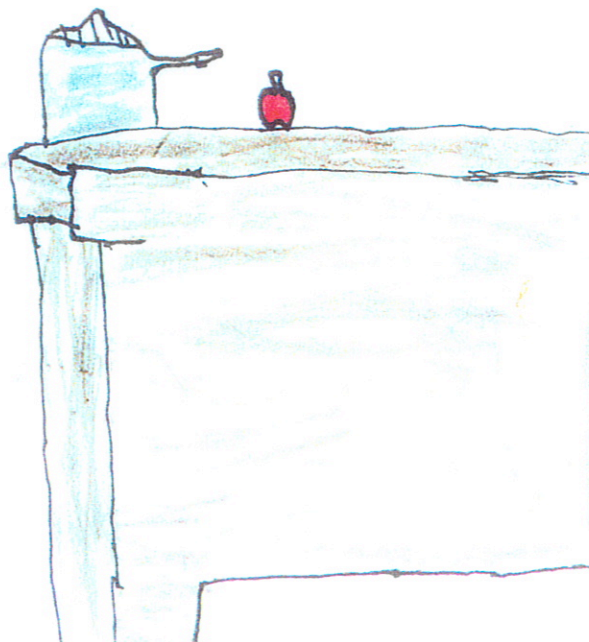
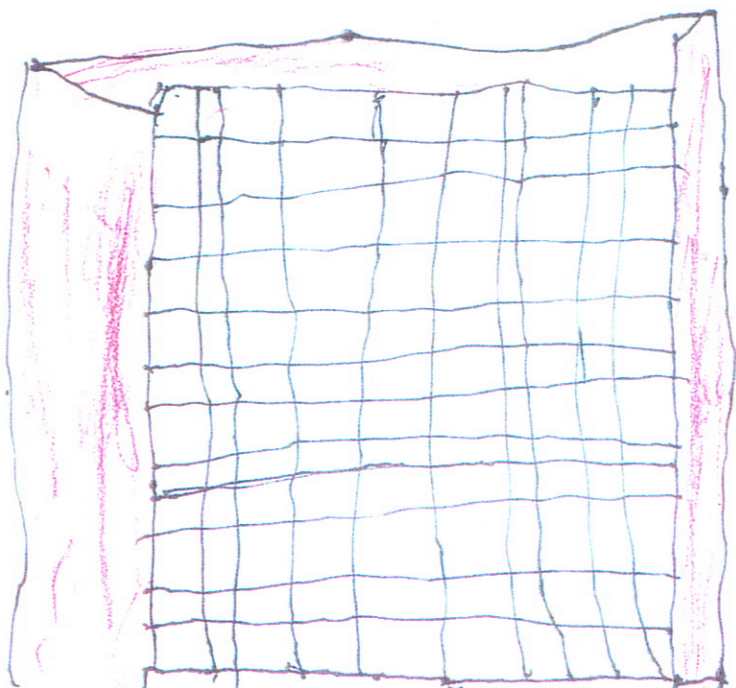
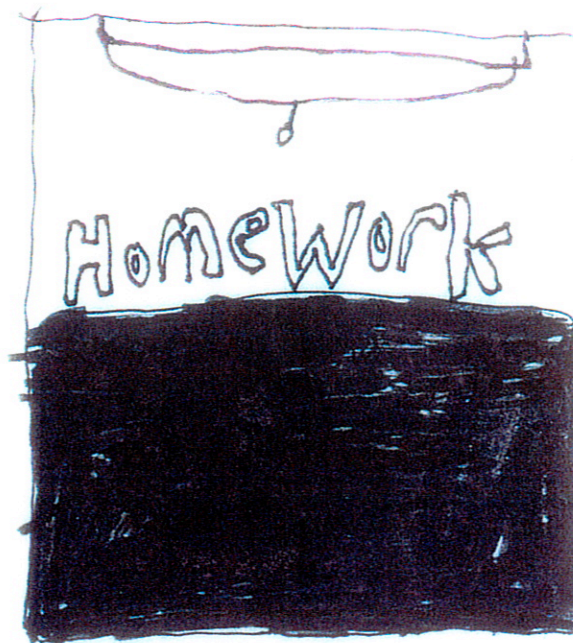
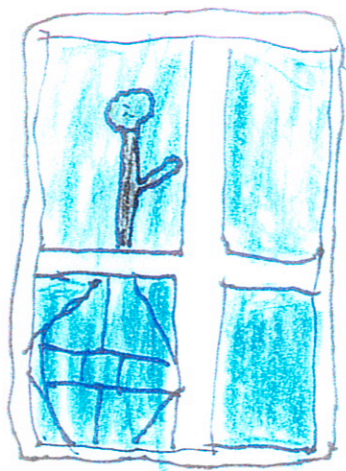
either a checkup, or because she has had a heart attack. Though she has been sick, she still looks great. Janie moved to Bethany in January of 1993. The reason she moved to Bethany is because her son Boyd, got a job at John Deere. Janie thought it was hard to adjust to Bethany. Janie thinks the hardest thing to adjust to was the food. Janie says, "Everything is great here, except for the food.... It was so much better in Virginia." Janie is friends with just about everyone. They met just by talking. When asked if she ever had the chance to go back and live in Virginia, she said she would.

From first retiring, to having fun, and helping people, to moving to Bethany Home, Janie Nichols had an exiting and marvelous life.

VIRGINIA

"Road with
Natchez
River"





Chapter 5: Reflections of Life

Janie Nichols' life was incredible. She had a fun childhood, an exciting start of life, an extraordinary middle of life, and a wonderful end of life. Janie's entire life was incredible.

Janie's favorite memory in her life was her home in Virginia. She was born and raised in Virginia. She just loved it there. Her worst memory was when her sister died. She went to see her sister every day of the 18 months she was sick. Janie's happiest memory was way back when Janie was a child. She sang with her sister in the trees in Virginia. Janie claims, "People could probably hear us from two or three miles away." Janie says the best time of her life is, "From the time I was born to right now. Every minute of my life has been great."

As reflecting back on her life, Janie wishes she could have been more thoughtful or better to some people. If Janie had three wishes, they would be: 1) To be younger so she could enjoy things today. 2) To have her family back. 3) To help more people.

Janie says everyone has been important in her life. The only thing she regrets in life is not being as kind or as thoughtful to people sometimes.

Janie is so proud of her life. She thought her life was great. The thing she is most proud of is how she influenced childrens' lives.

Janie said she would not relive her life. She thought her life was great, and she would never change anything.

We asked Janie if she would give us any advice. She told us to live clean, wholesome lives. She warned us to never

ever try drugs, cigarettes, or alcohol. She told us to stay close with our parents, to help everyone, and to live up to our potential.

Janie Nichols' life was incredible. In the spring of her life, she had fun, but still got into a little mischief. In the summer of her life, she got her first glimpse of the real world. In the autumn of her life, she continued to have a great life. In the winter of her life, she retired, but didn't stop doing anything. Janie Nichols: a wonderful person who had an incredible life.

"Janie is a nice, thoughtful, and happy person. She is a great person to be with." -Jeremy

"Janie Nichols is a great person. I will remember her for her wonderful and cheerful personality." -Dan



Janie loves the swing



Janie has many friends



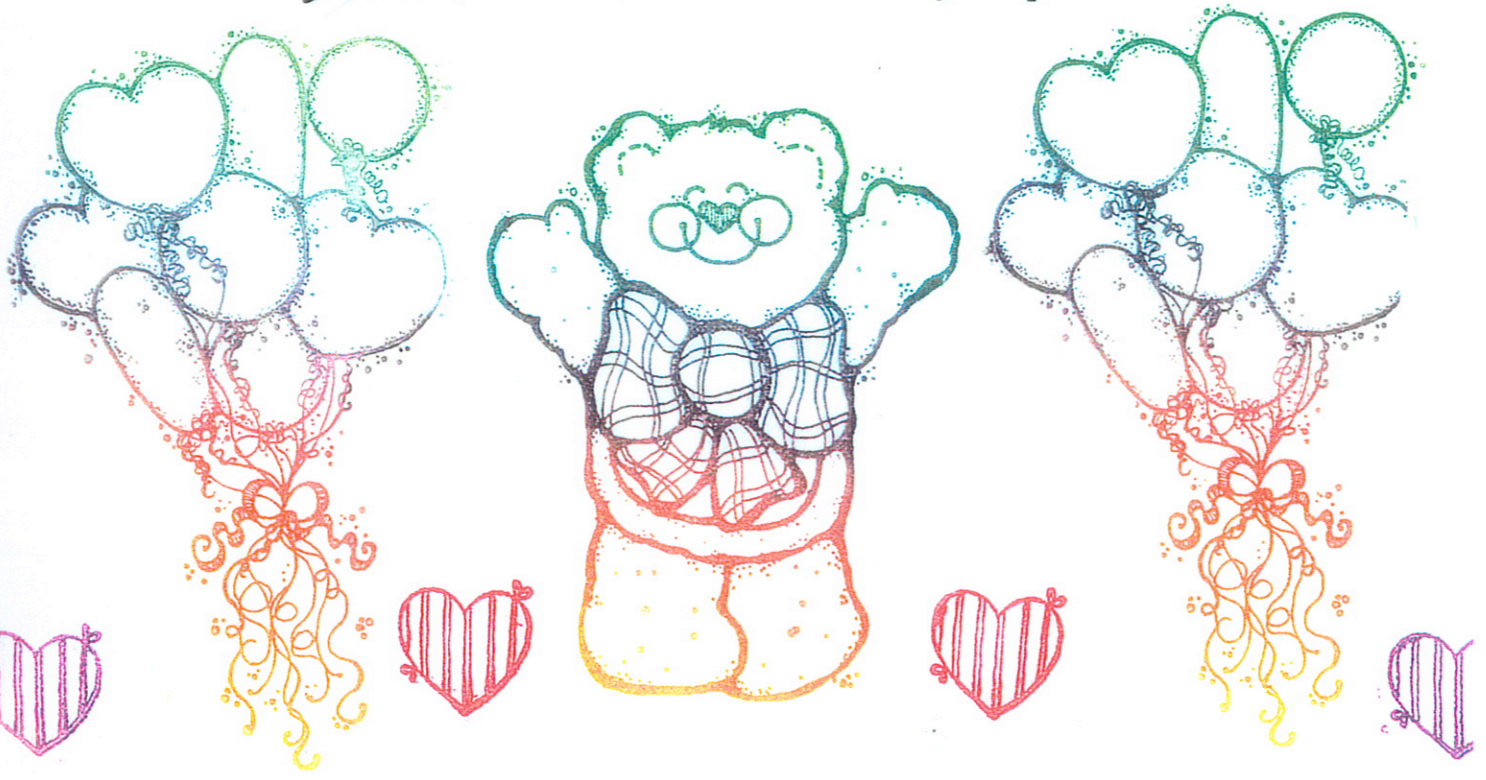
Janie can always have a fun time



*Janie's son was great even when he was
a child*



Janie Nichols: a wonderful person



Turn, Turn, Turn

To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven.

A time to be born, a time to die,
A time to plant, a time to reap,
A time to kill, a time to heal,
A time to laugh, a time to weep.

A time to build up, a time to break down,
A time to dance, a time to mourn,
A time to cast away stones,
A time to gather stones together.

A time to love, a time to hate,
A time of war, a time of peace,
A time you may embrace,
A time to refrain from embracing.

A time to gain, a time to lose,
A time to rend, a time to sew,
A time of love, a time of hate,
A time of peace, I swear it's not too late.