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— In Loving Memory —

Billy "Bill" Joe Jones, 76 Unites States Army Veteran, Vietnam War Veteran



Billy "Bill" Joe Jones, age 76 of Deer Lodge passed away on June 27, 2026, at his home surrounded by family and close friends.

Bill was born on January 23, 1950, and raised in Deer Lodge to Lois and Leamon Jones. After graduating from Sunbright High School he was drafted by the U.S. Army and served 2 years in Vietnam. He came home to Deer Lodge where he retired from TDOT with 43 years.

He was a loving devoted husband for 53 years. He was the center of his daughter's world and loved his 3 grandchildren more than anything. He was loved by many will be greatly missed.

Bill is preceded in death by his father Leamon Jones; mother Lois Hawn Jones; brothers Freddie, Ronnie and Doug Jones; sister Sandra Jones Lavender.

He leaves behind wife of 53 years Flonnie Jones; daughter Kimberly (Josh) Brown; grandchildren Eli Sills (fiancé Kaitlynn); his partner Allie Jo (his tiny) and Jake (his happy) and a host of family and close friends.

The family will honor his wishes by having a graveside service Thursday, July 2, 2026 with

military honors by American Legion Post #149 in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Charles Webb officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Billy Joe Jones.

Shirley Ann Johnson, 78



Shirley Ann Johnson, age 78 of Oakdale, passed away peacefully at Methodist Medical Center on June 27, 2026 surrounded by her family.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Tony Johnson; parents, J.L. and Pauline Ward of Harriman; sister, Janie West of Harriman; and mother-in-law, Imogene Johnson of Oakdale.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Jeffery (Cheryl) Johnson and

Jay (Shelia) Johnson; daughter, Cheryl McKinney; grandchildren: Jeremiah Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Seth Johnson, MaKayla Johnson, and Ashley Moore; special nephew, Michael Wilson; sisters-in-law, Judy (Lloyd) Cook and Tommie (Jim) West; brother-in-law, Eddie West; along with several nieces and nephews.

The family will have a graveside service Wednesday July 1, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Piney Church Cemetery in Oakdale with Bro. Danny Jenkins officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Lovada Honeycutt, 91



Lovada Honeycutt passed away June 29, 2026 at Cumberland Medical Center. She was born March 24, 1935.

She is preceded in death by her parents Henderson and Vic Graves Ford; husband Ralph Honeycutt; children Jorettha, Kathy, David, Ricky, Ronald; brother Floyd Ford; sisters Ar-

lette Duncan, Della Duncan, Dallas Supeck and Leona Gunter.

She is survived by her children Russell Honeycutt, and Sandra Conatser with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and family members.

The family will have a graveside service Thursday, July 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Union Grove Cemetery in Sunbright with Bro. Steve Gunter officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lovada Honeycutt.

Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Lelia E. Bohanon, 90



ents, daughters Marsha Lee and Mary Catherine.

She is survived by her children Daughters: Deborah (Rev. Henry) Miracle, Cynthia (Jon) Hankins, Kimberly (Gary) Crozier, Susan (John) Keathley, Sons: Charles Ricky (Linda) Bohanon, Dwight (Michelle) Bohanon, and 3 sisters. Also surviving a host of other family and friends.

Lelia E. Bohanon, age 90, of Lansing Tennessee went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday June 24, 2026. Her life was defined by her faith and love for Christ, her love for her family, resilience and strength.

She was a devoted, loving wife for 58 years to Charles D. Bohanon, loving mother to 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, her par-

The family will receive friends on Friday July 3, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg from 9:00-12:00 PM, the funeral to follow at 12:00 PM with Rev. Henry Miracle, Rev. Joshua Crozier and Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery Deer Lodge. TN.

— In Loving Memory —

Julian Jack Wayne Thomas, 4 months



Julian will forever be remembered and missed by his parents Juliana and Caleb. Grand parents: Kay McKinney, and Elizabeth (Isaac Breeden) Thomas, Jacob (Cherie) Thomas, Timothy (Karen) Creech, Angela (Jason) Klee, Wayne (Loretta) Creech; and aunts Scarlett and Taylor.

Aunts: Abbigail (Ethan) McKinney, Cailyn Thomas, JoAnne (Michael) Osterman.

Julian Jack Wayne Thomas passed away on June 28, 2026 at the age of 4 months. Born February 9th 2026 to the parents Juliana McKinney and Caleb Thomas, Julian brought boundless love and laughter into our lives and all who knew him. He was a happy little boy whose smile would melt your heart. Though his time with us was tragically short he taught us the true meaning of love, resilience, and happiness.

Uncles: Skylor McKinney, Collin Creech, Matt Ames, Jeff Carroll, Mark Carroll, Scoot Carroll.

And his close cousin Stetson Richardson.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 3, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow in the Rankins Chapel Cemetery in Oakdale.

Julian is preceded in death by: Mollie Moore, Jeremie Lee Songer, Evelyn Anne Creech, and many others who were waiting in heaven to greet him.

Adrian Smith



He is survived by his son, Jay Preston Honeycutt; sisters: Blossom Smith Fowler, Julie Crespo, and Mandy Smith; brothers, George Smith and Louis Thornton; significant other, Kristy Postell Smith and her parents, Debbie and Wayne Postell; nieces, Clayre and Olivia; and nephew, Blake and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and extended family and friends who he loved dearly.

Adrian Smith passed away at his home on June 27, 2026.

The family has chosen cremation and no services are scheduled at this time.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Wanda Smith; and his brothers, Preston and Jonathon.

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Psalm 123:1

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**



Jacquelyn G. Davidson, 45



burn, Katelyn (Cole) Cooper, her three wonderful grand babies, Easton Ashburn, John Luke and Jake Cooper. Her two siblings, Jimmy (Kristy) Taylor, Katherine Beasley and fiancé Justin Spurling. Her nephews Aaron Barnes, Jacob (Katie) Taylor, and Jayden Spurling. Her best friend, Charles Davidson. Also surviving a host of other family and friends.

Jacquelyn G. Davidson, age 45, of Lancing, went to be home with the Lord June 26, 2026. Her life was defined by her love for her family, and her passion for her nursing career. She was a 1998 graduate of Central High School.

The family will receive friends Thursday, July 2, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Ryan Human officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

She is preceded in death by her father, Neal Taylor.

She is survived by her loving mother, Marcella Beasley, her children Dylan (Macy) Ash-



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Historically Speaking

David Hobson's tribute to Alvin Weinberg

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

David Hobson has provided me with a story I think is one of the best tributes to Alvin Weinberg. If you know David, you will appreciate his writing style and the way he presents details. Enjoy the read:

This article is a brief reminder about a hearing that took place in Washington fifty-three years ago, as well as a long-delayed appreciation and tribute to Alvin Weinberg. I told the story of the hearing in 2012 at an Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning class entitled "Act Responsibly and Tell the truth: The untold story of the ECCS hearing."

The story itself is complicated, and I will skip over many of the details. The principal driving force behind the hearing was the need for a set of rules that would govern the licensing of emergency core cooling systems (ECCS) for nuclear power reactors. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), in its role of both promoting and regulating atomic energy, was beginning to license larger and larger power reactors. This was causing concerns that the emergency systems that should operate during a Loss-of-cooling accident (LOCA) might not prevent a serious meltdown of the reactor core.

In 1968, to combat those concerns, the AEC funded research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and the Idaho Nuclear Engineering Laboratory (INEL) to examine the damage a LOCA might do to the Zircaloy cladding tubes that contain the uranium oxide fuel pellets.

The group I was in was led by Phillip Rittenhouse and was concerned with the oxidation, embrittlement and rupture of the cladding when exposed to high temperatures in a steam environment. George Lawson, in the ORNL Reactor Division at Y-12, provided the steam-exposed tubes. For two years I conducted tests for oxidation and embrittlement as a function of time and temperature. I also studied the rupture behavior of pressurized, unexposed tubing.

We reported all the experimental results to the AEC's Reactor Development and Technology Division (RDT), to each of the four reactor manufacturers and to INEL. It soon became apparent that our results disagreed with those being reported to the AEC by the nuclear industry. This particularly annoyed our AEC sponsors. Milton Shaw, the director of RDT, who controlled our funding was really angry. So, early in 1971 he terminated our funding, with the statement "We were creating more problems that we were solving."

Results from INEL were creating similar problems for the AEC. Some of those results also disagreed with what the industry was reporting. All the disagreements were becoming public knowledge. So, with 55 large nuclear power plants planned or under construction, the AEC formed an ad hoc task force to review the ECCS problem. This 14-member group, all AEC engineers or physicists, was tasked with reviewing data and policy recommendations provided by industry and the national laboratories. The group held extensive meetings with the reactor manufacturers but had little interaction with the laboratories. No one on that task force asked Rittenhouse, me or anyone else at ORNL for our thoughts on the subject.

In June 1971, the AEC issued an interim report on recommended criteria for licensing

ECCS systems. When we received a copy, we were astounded! None of the concerns we had stated in our reports were acknowledged. We had been ignored. In December 1971, Bill Cottrell, the director of the nuclear safety program at ORNL, drafted a letter to Manning Muntzing, the AEC Director of Regulation, detailing our concerns about the interim criteria.

The gist of the letter was summarized by the statement "We are not certain that the ECCS policy adopted by the AEC will provide assurance that such systems will be effective in the unlikely event of a loss-of-coolant accident." Needless to say, the letter did not make the AEC happy. In a telephone call, Muntzing ordered ORNL management to withdraw it. It was withdrawn, with the explanation that it had not received senior laboratory approval.

By this time, the AEC had really backed itself into a corner. The controversy had become public knowledge, and it could no longer be stonewalled. They decided that the only way out was to hold a formal rulemaking hearing on the adequacy of the June 1971 Interim Criteria report drafted by the ad-hoc task force. I believe the AEC figured that the pressure from the combined forces of the AEC and the nuclear industry would overcome any further input from the laboratories. This brings this article to the point where Alvin Weinberg and his actions became an important part of our lives.

Rittenhouse, Lawson, Cottrell and I each received phone calls to come to Lab-director Weinberg's office. He told us about the planned hearing and that the four of us had been ordered by the AEC to be technical witnesses. We were to be subjected to cross-examination, under oath, by each of the participating groups.

These would be Westinghouse, General Electric, Babcock and Wilcox, Combustion Engineering, the Consolidated National Intervenors and energy utility representatives. With the probable exception of the intervenors, none of these groups were going to like anything we said.

Alvin must have noticed our reactions to the news. He then told us something that I shall ever forget. He said, very seriously, that there were two things we must do and, by doing them, our jobs would be safe. My initial thought was he was going to make us follow a party line. Instead, he gave us the only instructions he would ever issue about the hearing. He told us we must "Act responsibly and tell the truth."

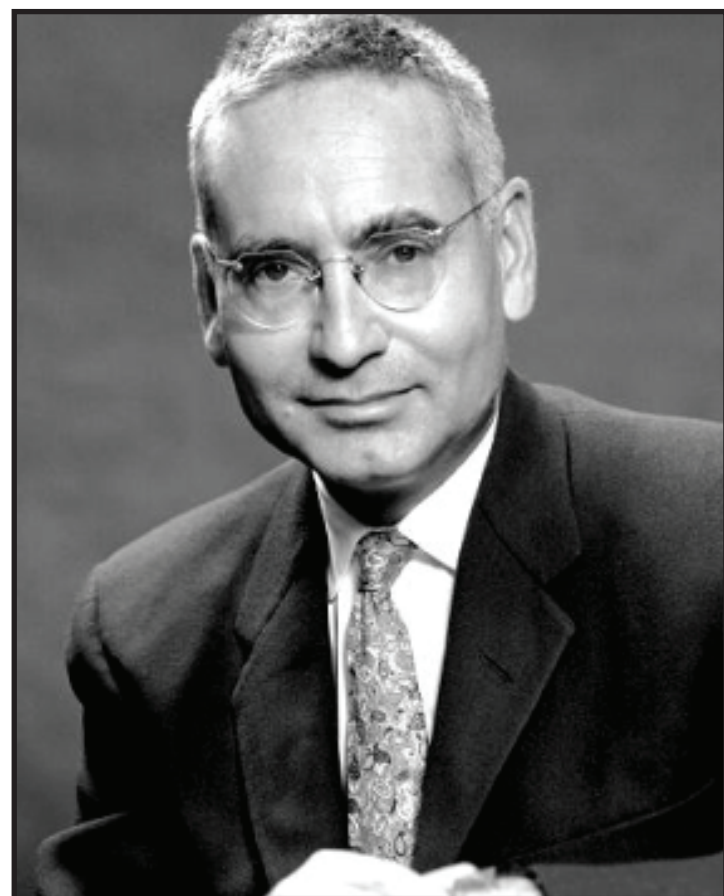
I remember it was several days before the full impact of what he said took effect. He had let us know that he trusted us and that he believed in the work we had done. Part of that trust recognized that we would be representing ORNL in a very hostile environment, where its reputation would be under attack. This was a heavy load to carry. On the other hand, Alvin's single instruction gave us the freedom to do what he told us to do. We would have told the truth anyway, but he also allowed us to determine for ourselves how we would act responsibly.

This was a great gift, one that allowed us to get our testimony into the hearing record. We knew that neither the reactor manufacturers nor the utility representatives were going to ask us questions that would let us say something they did not want in the that record. There was a way, however.

In November 1971, Henry Kendall, a



David Hobson (Courtesy of David Hobson)



Alvin Weinberg
(Courtesy of The Alvin Weinberg Papers and Children's Museum of Oak Ridge)

physics professor from MIT, Daniel Ford, a Harvard graduate who was to be the technical interrogator for CNI in the hearing and James Mackinsey, who chaired the Union of Concerned Scientists visited ORNL to learn more about our work. It was evident they were not opposed to nuclear power; they were against how the AEC was regulating it.

This visit sparked an idea. Phil contacted Dan Ford and arranged for him to meet secretly with Phil and me before and during the hearing. Although Dan had access to all of our and industry's reports, he did not have time to go through them in detail. We answered his questions and emphasized what we needed to add to the hearing record.

These meetings resulted in Dan's being able to ask us under oath the questions that allowed us to testify about our work for the record. As far as I know, our collaboration with CNI was known only to our families until I taught the ORICL class in 2012. The secrecy was necessary. If Milton Shaw or any of the industry had known about it, I doubt even Weinberg could have saved our jobs.

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Historically Speaking

David Hobson's tribute to Alvin Weinberg

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The hearing lasted for 125 days of cross-examination filling 22,000 pages of sworn testimony. Phil Rittenhouse spent a total of 80 hours being questioned and I joined him for 40 of those. The ORNL witnesses were questioned from March 7 until March 10, on March 20 and 21 and from April 18 through 26 of 1972. While the CNI questioning was fairly easy, that of the industry was exhausting. They did everything they could to break down our testimony or make us contradict ourselves.

On April 26, 1972, we were dismissed for the final time. The hearing itself, and its aftermath, would continue until December 11. At this point none of us were sure of what we had accomplished. We felt we had done what Alvin Weinberg has told us to do. We had told the truth on the witness stand and, in our eyes, had acted responsibly. We had done what we needed to tell our story.

We had to wait until December 31, 1973, to hear the final story of the hearing. The AEC issued a document entitled "Docket RM-50-1-Acceptance Criteria for ECCE Systems for Light-Water-Cooled Power Reactors." Of the

four main criteria that had been listed in the previous document, the one we had taken so much flak about, had been changed to meet our arguments.

The new criterion was written "The criterion specifying that the calculated maximum temperature of the Zircaloy cladding surrounding the fuel should not exceed 2300F has been replaced by two criteria, one lowering the allowed peak temperature to 2200F, and the other providing a limit on the maximum calculated local oxidation." This was exactly what we had been arguing for.

So, what else resulted from the hearing? The AEC no longer existed. It was split into the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA, now DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This eliminated the single entity doing both regulation and promotion of nuclear energy.

Following the split, the NRC funded new research programs at ORNL, INEL and Argonne National Laboratory that essentially redid and refined much of our prior work. Initially, under orders from Washington, both Phil and I were precluded from any interactions with our colleagues or anyone else on the subject of fuel-rod-failure.

It was some time before the results from the new programs became available. The technical problems involving coolant-cladding interactions that first came to light in the late 1960's

and early 1970's finally reached resolution. The major result for the four ORNL witnesses was that our original work was found to be correct. The earlier results we had defended during the hearing had been added to and refined, but they were never disproved.

I was 37 years old when the hearing took place. Now, at 91, I am probably one of a very few surviving participants of the hearing. I imagine that my three co-participants, Phil, George and Bill, would have agreed with me that Alvin Weinberg played a large role in what we did. His order that we must act responsibly and tell the truth gave us a solid foundation to withstand the pressure of the hostile cross-examinations we faced.

Admittedly, we may have gone beyond what he had in mind about acting responsibly, but I suspect that if he had found out about our interactions with the intervenors, he might have smiled.

Thank you, David, for a detailed description of what must have been a difficult time for you and the rest of the team. Your recall of Alvin Weinberg's "Act responsibly and tell the truth" is a most appropriate tribute to a man who not only told you that but practiced it as well.



1 Corinthians Chapter 13



Melvin Howard

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”

(1 Cor. 13:1-3) Special gifts must be exercised in love: The Greeks had several words to express different aspects of love. There was a form of love that especially applied to family relationships. It is rendered “tenderly affectioned” in Romans 12:10. Another variety of love related to dear friends, such as Jesus had for Lazarus (Jn. 11:3, 36). The grandest love of all was agape love. It was not the love of shallow emotion, but that of dedicated commitment. This was the love manifested by the Father in sending his Son (Jn. 3:16). For Christians, it was a deliberate resolution to always act in the highest interest of God’s cause and on behalf of other people. Agape is the love of this chapter, which virtually becomes a “dictionary” on the term.

Continuing with the larger context of miraculous gifts, Paul argues hypothetically; “If I could speak supernaturally in the various languages of man, or even that of angles (since angels are higher than men (Heb. 2:6-7), yet did not use my gift within the framework of advancing the cause of Christ, I would be nothing more than an irritating sound.” He is rebuking those who insist on exercising their gift for their own selfish interests rather than for the good of the whole church. (There is absolutely no evidence that the tongues “of angels” refers to the incomprehensible babbling common in Pentecostal assemblies.)

If one had the gifts of prophecy, knowledge, or faith (12:8-9), and yet did not use his gifts as God intended, in the highest interest of the gospel, he would be “nothing,” valueless in the Lord’s work. It is worthy of notation that the use of one’s gift was under his control (14:32). Even if one surrendered all his possessions to feed the poor, or manifested a faith strong enough to be courageously burned to death (12:9), yet was void of sacrificial love in the use of his gift, the profit would be nil. The misguided motive in the use of a gift might produce a positive result, but the offender would not receive divine approval (Phil. 1:15-18).

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.”

1 Cor. 13:4-7) The qualities of agape love: In this portion of Paul’s discussion of the necessity of love in the exercise of spiritual gifts, fifteen identifying descriptives are listed---seven are positive qualities, eight are character traits to be avoided. For the purpose of this discussion, I will arrange them into these two categories.

Positive qualities: (a) Love is patient with other people; it gives them time to develop. (b) Love is kind. Love reflects a sweet disposition. (c) Love rejoices with truth. The Christian loves truth supremely---the whole truth and nothing but the truth. (d) Love bears all things. The original term can mean either to bear up or to cover up. (e) Love believes all things. This does not mean that love is gullible. (f) Love hopes, is optimistic, and looks for the best result whenever possible. (g) Love endures. The original word does not imply mere passive tolerance.

Negative traits: (a) Love does not envy. (b) Love vaunts not itself. (c) Love is not puffed up. (d) Love does not behave unseemly. (e) Love is not self seeking. (f) Love is not provoked. (g) Love takes no account of evil. (h)

Love rejoices not in sin.

Is it any wonder that when we study these noble qualities we would like to melt into a puddle of shame?

1 Corinthians 13:8 “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”

(1 Cor. 13:8-13) Gifts will cease; Love abides: It must be remembered that the theme of love and spiritual gifts are woven together in this context. Some of the Corinthian saints were gloating in their gifts, exploiting them without the needs of others being paramount. One final argument, therefore, is this: The gifts are but temporary in the divine order of things. Love must abide. It is the all-encompassing regulator of moral conduct.

Paul selects three gifts---prophecy, tongues, and knowledge---to be illustrative of the nine mentioned earlier (12:8-10). These supernatural bestowments will be “done away” or “cease.” Love will go on and on. It will be needed to regulate human conduct indefinitely. The gifts of knowledge and prophecy, for example, came incrementally through the different ones possessing these gifts, but when the “perfect” (literally, “the complete”) has been accomplished, “the partial” will be needed no longer. The partial was the piece-by-piece revelation; the “complete” was the revelatory process brought to its goal. That happened when the canon of Scripture was completed with the death of John the apostle and the culmination of the New Testament record. The common though careless theory that “the perfect” refers to the return of Christ fits neither grammar nor the context. It is woefully unfortunate that this segment of Scripture is so seriously misunderstood, and many continue to labor under the illusion that miracles are operative yet today.

Paul employs two illustrations to conclude his argument. (a) Certain things are necessary for the child-stage of one’s existence. When that phase is outgrown, the youngster’s “toys” are laid aside. The church needed miraculous gifts during its infancy period; when the revelation factor was completed, it was time for more mature development. (b) The era of partial, bit-by-bit revelation, was similar to seeing one’s image in an imperfect brass mirror. When the full revelation of Scripture was completed, the sharp, face-to-face view would be so much richer. While the supernatural gifts are temporary, faith, hope, and love will be operative even after the completion of the canon of Scripture. The former two will find their goals achieved in time; but love will flourish eternally!

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