



Love What You Do

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Love what you do, love who you are, love where you came from, love those who have guided your every step, and most importantly love your Savior; for he has given you faith and hope as well but the greatest of these is Love. I had the pleasure of interviewing someone rather special to me and this opportunity allowed her to give a portion of her wisdom.

Mrs. Treadaway gave me the opportunity to take a step back in time and along with her recent years she also spoke on behalf of the person who I intended to interview which was Robbie Kirby who passed away during the summer. Love what you do. You will be faced with trials and temptations, you will search endlessly wondering what you want to do, but the greatest advice that I can give is to love what you do. It will not be easy and you may realize that it is rather difficult to find what you love to do.

The world is filled with people that want to navigate your life, but I warn you not to get caught up in dogma which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Quoting Steve Jobs she then went on to say that your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice, and most importantly, have courage to follow your heart and intuition. This is part of loving who you are.

Mills County was built on those same principles and is rich in history. She first began by giving some first-hand history from her parents and grandparents and how Mills County was first

known by the railroad. These people had dreams not similar to those of today's society, but found soon that it was rich in its resources and would be a fresh start to a new beginning. Then as years passed that is when the meat goat and mohair business flourished, but she informed me that Mills County similar to the rest of the world had its good and bad years.

From that point on she began to tell her life story and told me to imagine the unimaginable. She grew up in a time where technology was at a bare minimum and as a nurse for the last 39 years she informed me that medicine has changed tremendously as well. What seems like the greatest generation of all time had its rougher days. This generation also known as the "Baby Boomers" had to live with the hardship of World War II.

With the lifestyle of her parents generation of living through the effects of the Great Depression the lifestyle seemed to be a more conservative contrasting with today's ever-changing society. She believes that good things though can come from bad things and that this lifestyle was one to be proud of since everyone was taught to be independent, hard-working individuals. This was part of loving who you are as well. Everyday occurrences was not filled with life's finer things, but it was an opportunity for people to find what they love to do and not get fed up with the material blessings of life.

Love where you came from. I was informed that each resident of this county had laid a foundation for the future generations to come so that knowledge and wisdom could be passed down. It is important to take this knowledge and utilize it to better the world and most certainly society. When the television was invented even way before color picture, society thought it had reached its peak. It seems that same feeling has taken place and she said that the world technology will grow exponentially, it was that our generation and the few before us were just the ones getting the ball rolling.

It is your responsibility to make sure that new technology is created but be sure not to get caught up in the worldly ways for it will not matter when you pass away. With that in mind take a step back and relate that to Mills County.

We are no metropolitan area by no means but it seems that the multiple communities in this county have stood strong with those morals and values passed on for generations and continue to grow. In that sense it can be said that Mills County has more quality than quantity, so remember when you go off to college that you are representing this county and that you have forever been engraved in the history of Mills County so remember where you came from, because this will always be home. Love those who have guided you and love your Savior. You are blessed to have been raised in a community built by religion and faith. As you go out into the world you will realize that you also have been a little sheltered, but if you follow the guidance given by those who care about you everything will be okay.

Mills County was enriched with history starting before the county was even established, but most important is that this county was built on the love for one another. So as you go off to find what you love to do remember that you are responsible for writing history and making your

own path. Some people in Mills County made their path in the railroad and even in the mohair business, but I was challenged to make my own path and with such a supportive and caring community anything is possible.

Love what you do and you will surpass your goals and dreams. Finally be sure to live your life to the fullest potential and do not wait till it is over to have regrets and think of the many things you should have done. You are not promised tomorrow so take your talents, your dreams, and gifts from your Savior to be the change you want to see in the world so that you can be a service to others.

Temptation leans on the door bell and an opportunity may only knock once so go and do what you love and the foundation built by the residents of Mills County will stand firm.