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Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Carol; daughters, Yvonne (Robert) Joiner, Davenport, IA, and Crystal (Chris) Jagers, Annawan, IL; grandchildren, Cody, Meghan, RJ (J.R.), Emily, Evan, and Carson and great-granddaughter, Aayla. His siblings are Donna Olsen, Platte, SD, Pat (Steve) Heney, Minneapolis, MN, and Gary Steffen, Madrid, IA; sister-in-law, Char Steffen, Rock Island, IL, brothers-in-law, Jerry Fischer, Madrid, IA, and Ernie Chrtt, Canby, MN, and a host of nieces and nephews.

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COURAGE to change the things I can,
and the **WISDOM** to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
TRUSTING that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely
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