

That's a Fine How-Do-You-Do

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A relative would frequently say, "Well, that's a fine how-do-you do!" when indeed it was not something that was "fine." We may find ourselves in one of those "How-Do-You-Do's" frequently asking the question "How am I going to...?"

While baking the other day, I wondered just how I could convert and substitute a part of the recipe. I immediately, thought, "Mom would know how." I was trying to accomplish a bit of a handyman chore and thought "How would Dad have pulled this off?" Yes, Mom and Dad would have known how, but they has been gone since 1999. It isn't really strange even after all these years to wonder what Mon or Dad would have done or what advice they would have provided. I can only hope that once I am gone, there will someone out there who will wonder with kindness just what advice I could have provided to help them in their dilemma and wondering how.

With two grown sons, one day I was thinking about just how things might have turned out if only I made another decision and had done certain things differently. Well, that wasn't going to get me anywhere, so I figured I would stick with the old adage, I did the best that I could with the "tools" that I had during those years. It was more fun and productive to pull out the photo albums and bring back those memories of how we had fun, got through the tough times, started new school years, said good-bye to much loved dogs, moved and so much more. Most of those times How-Do-You Do's turned out fine or better than fine.

What a waste of the precious time I have remaining to wonder how things could have been if only... There are wonders big and small ahead and how I manage those are the important things in my life right now. Something as simple as how am I going to use those ingredients to make a meal or a dessert; how am I going to cut up that material and sew it together again into a new quilt; how am I going to stay awake long enough to finish those last few pages of the book and figure out who done it; how am I going to help a friend or a neighbor today; or expressing thanks for how many blessings that have been bestowed on me. All of these things will certainly result in the truly FINE HOW-DO-YOU-DO'S in my life.