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I often tease and say Iâ ve lived a storied life, but I really have. I have had my share of ups and downs, as well as a few brushes with death along the way. My dance with death came when I was just 18 months old.

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WhenÂ I was just 18 months old â I drowned in our family's court-yard pool.Â Mom was doing laundry out in the backyard and I slipped away from her. When Mom realized I was not playing nearby like she thought I was - she went looking for me. Â She called my name.Â When I didn't answer her calls and she couldn't find me, she started to panic.

Feeling frantic she ran back inside and looked in the toy room. Then she looked down the hallway and saw the front door ajar. In terror, sheÂ bolted out the door to the pool area. There, she found me face down in the pool. She started screaming for help, as she jumped in and pulled my little body out of the pool. I was blue and lifeless.

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Â {Pure speculation: One minute I was swimming and the next, I was having a heyday pinchinâ God's toes and playing at his feet.Â A lot of kids did that.Â When God smiled down at us, he saw me.Â He pondered, "What are you doing here? It's not your time yet." He looked through his big book of Souls and smiled, "I can fix this!" }

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Â My mother screamed for help and our neighbors ran to help her. Our Next door neighbor wrapped a towel around me and cradled me, while my Mom ran back in the house and called the Fire Dept. The operator told my Mom they'd be there shortly.Â "The paramedics were practicing just down our street. They'd just barrowed a new piece of life saving equipment - A resuscitator. And the paramedics had been learning how to use it during that exercise."

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Â My Mom hung up and returned to where I was lying in the arms of our neighbor on the pool deck. The neighbor handed me back to my Mom. My mom said she told the neighbors what the operator said. Mom said, she just sat there rocking me and telling me how much she loved me and begging me to hold-on, help was coming.

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Â The paramedics came and used their new tool to save me. I was blessed. Thanks to God and medical scienceâ s resuscitator, I didn't die like a lot of drowning victims did in 1960. It wasn't my time. I'm

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