

# Many Mishaps

Some people are born with a flowing elegance. My name is NOT Grace. I was born awkward, clumsy, and totally graceless. I am probably one of the most uncoordinated people you would ever know. And, no, it is not actually a sign of age that I have so many mishaps because it all began as a child.

I closed my fingers in the car door when I was six years old. I sat down on my baby brother's head as he lay on the car seat when I was eleven years old, ran into our screen door, resulting in a big bump on my forehead, I've had my legs tied to the eating table and fell, and I have been shot in my rear with a BB gun.

This all happened at a very

young age. As I got older, the more serious my "accidents" became. I have had broken a shoulder, an arm, an ankle, and a foot, not counting the times I have broken my front teeth.

Two of my children received this same "grace." Our oldest son has walked on crutches several times, ran into trees on a motorcycle and actually the funniest was the time he slipped the



## Peggy's Take

day he was baptized and nearly went under before being dipped into the holy water. Our daughter's most embarrassing "mishap" was the day she flipped over backwards in a lawn chair during a tennis match and rolled down the hill.

Now we will talk about our middle child, another son. He is the athlete in the family. He runs miles every day, does all kinds of squats, lifts, and I sometimes believe he owns stock in the gyms around here. I have never known him to fall or stumble and he has never walked on crutches. He definitely received his genes from his Daddy.

My husband is not at all clumsy as he climbs on tractors high off the ground and scales tall ladders. (However, he did slip in fall in our back door not long ago!)

Most of my calamities have involved falling flat on my face. I have broken my front teeth and

had them cemented together so many times I'm sure they look like a jigsaw puzzle to my dentist. I accomplished this act once more this week. I stepped and fell off my drive way, a raised two inch piece of concrete and fell completely flat on my face. It's really surreal as I am going down. I realize I am falling to the ground but there is absolutely nothing to stop the movement. I feel totally defenseless.

This time there was so much blood involved as I hit on my nose that my grandsons wanted to call 911. After calming them down and getting my bearings once more, I got to my feet and finally got cleaned up. Now I have road rash right down the middle of my face. There is a big bump on my forehead, a Rudolph nose, chin with a big dark bruise, and the best of all, two black eyes.

I have been asked so many times, "What happened to you?", that I have started explaining this way – "My husband really needs to learn to ride that Harley before we travel again!"

I love to use my cast iron skillet. This is a great recipe for a ten inch skillet.

One pouch of peanut butter cookie mix with the vegetable

oil, water and egg called for.  
1/3 cup of chopped cocktail peanuts  
1 – 8 oz. bag of mini Reece peanut butter cups  
Mix cookie mix, oil, water, egg until soft. Cut ½ bag of mini Reece cups into pieces and mix with cookie mix. Press into the

bottom of a 10" cast iron skillet and sprinkle with the remaining peanut butter cups.  
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