A Celebration of Graduation to Heaven

Marie Fister

September 13, 1937 – August 22, 2021

Marie served as a board member during the period of 2008-2021. "Our oldest long standing board member who was a Rock of Faith for the growth of this ministry."

Marie was a true minister always being led by the Holy Spirit. Her joy was making people feel loved and special. Marie's lifelong faith could be summed up in these words: "To know Him and make Him known." As a young child she received Christ and says she always knew she was loved by Jesus, without a doubt.

Marie was proactive in her faith and did not hesitate to share the love of Jesus with all she encountered. She demonstrated the love of God through her actions and words.

Marie's greatest love was her Lord Jesus Christ.

A funny story about Marie that always makes me laugh. She did not like cats and most of you know if you visit my home there will always be a cat to greet you, especially those who do not like these little fur babies. Marie was gracious and kind, so she tolerated the greeting.

Marie always arrived early to pray with me before beginning our board meeting. We held hands in the dining room and as she prayed, I noticed my Big Tuxedo cat, Teddy decided to join us by laying close to Marie's feet. I knew he was there and was waiting to see if she could continue to pray. Well of course she did. Nothing ever interrupted her conversations with her Heavenly Father. However, at the end of the prayer she glanced down at her feet and said, "Well, Hello Teddy!" She gave her sweet laugh and commented "I guess he wanted to pray too."

Marie walked with me through many years of ups and downs; I could always call her to share my heart and all of the details of my crisis. The one thing that I could always count on was after she listened, she would say, "Teresa, Stop looking at the circumstances and focus on Jesus. Let's pray right now". And we always did.

She taught me a valuable lesson that has changed my spiritual walk as this practice increases my faith and allows me to live by her favorite scripture. ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6).***

This was Maire, my forever friend, and Spiritual Mom. I miss you already.
Teresa