



November 2020

Margaret's Prayer Letter

I THANK GOD FOR EACH OF YOU

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

I just read this, "Live life every day as if it were your last because one of these days, it's gonna be."

Some of you are aware of the happenings in my life during these past months. For you who don't, I will give you the condensed version.

I had two first cousins, sisters, named Lillian and Evelyn. Both husbands had already died, and neither had children.

Lillian remarried several years ago to Don, and they were very much in love. Don was easy to love. He had cancer and entered the hospital for special chemotherapy, where his health deteriorated quickly.

Thursday morning, August 20, Lillian was not able to stand and was taken to the ER at a different hospital. While there, Don was moved to hospice. She called me that night to come for her and said they couldn't find what was wrong with her and did not test for COVID-19.

The next morning while getting ready to go to Don, she fell and broke her hip. She was taken to the same hospital.

Early Saturday morning, August 22, Don died. They did not see each other. Lillian was taken to surgery and came out in "dire distress" with COVID-19. She lived on a ventilator for a week and died Saturday, August 29. We did not get to see her.

In the meantime, Evelyn, who was more like a sister than a cousin to me, also became ill with COVID-19 and was taken to a different hospital, she died early Monday morning August, 31. I did not get to see her but did get to talk with her shortly before she died.

Don had adult children who cared for his funeral arrangements and being the nearest "active" relative, and I had to care for arrangements for Lillian and Evelyn, and am now handling their estates. I definitely did not learn to do that in the jungle.

Needless to say, I have been pretty overwhelmed and am so very grateful for my Pastor and wife, David and Jenni Shoemaker, along with friends at church, without whom I don't know how I could have handled it.

While that was happening, my niece, Kim, was diagnosed with cancer and died 33 days after the diagnosis. Her funeral was on October 5. (continued on reverse side)

THREE THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

First: Death can come quickly, and we always need to be ready.

Second: Separation is temporary. For Lillian and Don, it was one week. For Evelyn, it was two days. Kim just over a month later.

Third: We need to remember to always pray for each other as we don't know what others are experiencing.

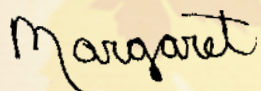
I have asked God to help me remember to pray regularly for each of you, and I hope you will do the same.

Just before Kim died, I asked her, "What will you do when you see Jesus?" She answered, "I will fall on my face before Him, then I will get up and dance all around Him!" She is dancing! Soon I will join Don, Lillian, Evelyn, and Kim, and hopefully, we can all dance together, honoring and magnifying our Saviour. I look forward to that day!

In the meantime, I want to love and serve Him here with all that I am and have.

I am thanking God for each of you. Many of you have encouraged me, and you can't know how much that has meant. Please pray that I will seek to encourage others as you have encouraged me.

Until we see Him,



Margaret Stringer

Was It You Who Prayed?

Did you think of me this morning,
as you breathed a word of prayer?

Did you ask for strength to help me
all my heavy burdens bear?

Did you speak of faith and courage
for the trials I must meet?

Did you ask that God might keep me
as you bowed at Jesus' feet?

Someone prayed, and faith grew
stronger as I bent beneath my load.

Someone prayed - the way grew
brighter, and I walked all unafraid.

In my heart, a song of gladness — Tell me,
Was it YOU who prayed?

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Prayer Requests:

I am planning to fly to Washington State to spend Thanksgiving with two nephews and families.

Pray for safety and protection from Covid-19.

Pray for wisdom and strength as I deal with the two estates.

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But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

