

MARIAN'S EULOGY

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My name is Lorrie Apel, Win's wife. I'd like to tell you a little bit about my relationship with Marian and the impact she had on my life and then close with a favorite scripture from Proverbs.

The first time I met Marian, she told me she didn't like my dress. I had been a bridesmaid in a friend's wedding in Oil City. Win thought that would be a good time to bring me home to meet his parents. When we walked into the living room, was introduced and explained I had been in a wedding, Marian asked if THAT was what I had worn as a bridesmaid. I said yes and she said it was NOT a bridesmaid's dress, and she didn't like it.

I remember laughing and saying well, I do and I picked it out! I also remember telling Win later I liked his mom; you would always know where you stood with her....she did not play games or make you guess what was going on. She could always be counted on to give her opinion on any subject.

She didn't like the dress, but she liked me and thought I was the right gal for Win. When her friends told I was not good enough for Win, she defended me.

When there was conflict about our wedding, she was the one to smooth the waters and help convince everyone the wedding was going to be just fine.

Our rehearsal dinner was held in my parents' home in Kane. My youngest sister tells me the story of watching Marian bring tablecloths, and candles and flowers and beautiful dishes, silver and fondue pots. She arranged everything just so. Julie had never seen anything like it. She transformed an ordinary dining room into a beautiful space for a lovely event. We have a picture of Julie at age five holding a piece of angel-food cake on a stick ready to dip into caramel sauce. Julie thought it was magical!

When Win & I moved to Idaho, she kept praying for me and gave my name to the Christian Women's Club and asked them to contact me. A lovely Lady named Edna Capellen did just that, and it was Edna who prayed with me that cold rainy day in February 1976 to receive Jesus into my life as Lord and Savior. Marian always saw me as a child of the Kingdom and was an important intercessor for my salvation. How could I ever thank her for that!

As the obituary says, she was a homemaker. She took that role very seriously. She gave me a special Bible for Christmas 1976 with Proverbs 31:10-31 cited as my guide as it was hers. Marian was truly a Proverbs 31 woman and a good example for me. She was a woman unafraid to speak her mind, she was a prayer warrior, and she was a homemaker who had the ability to transform the ordinary into something beautiful.

I'd like to close with a few verses from Proverbs 31:

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also and he praises her.

Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Thank you.