

**CELEBRATION
of the
EARTH LIFE OF IRIS BOIVIN**

The Prelude

The community shall gather and be seated in a circle around the centerpiece.

The Atunement

The Reading

The Resonance Circle and The Dance of Enos Mythos.

A Statement: Why we are gathered here today.

The Time of Sayings

The Reading

The Obituary

A Presentation of the Earth Life of Iris Boivin.

A Song, "Wind Horse"

The Announcement of the Victory

The Reading

The acknowledgement by the community of the impact of Iris upon their life.

A Litany of Life Impact and Deep Thankfulness.

The Presentation of Symbols.

The Send Out

The Assignment of Iris.

Planetary Vision and Dance of Universal Life.

Notes on the Funeral Service
of

MARY IRIS BOIVIN

November 30, 1986

Prelude music: December, by George Winston. The Great Hall was arranged with a circle of chairs and in the middle of the circle was a bouquet of Irises, an Urn and ten unlit candles. The community entered after the family had been seated.

The Atunement

Joe Slicker read: The Atunement.

The community rose for the Resonance Circle and danced the Enos Mythos led by David Lazear.

Don Cramer read: Why we are gathered here today.

The Time of Sayings

Joe Slicker read: The Time of Sayings.

Claudia Cramer read: The Obituary.

A Presentation of the Earth Life of Iris Boivin: Each of the nine children of Iris and Gene Boivin rose in turn and read a brief statement of the 'Meaning of Mom in my life'. (Transcriptions are enclosed.)

Bob Wilkinson sang a song he had written: Wind Horse.

The Announcement of the Victory

Joe Slicker read: The Announcement of the Victory.

Individuals were invited to rise and acknowledge the impact of Iris upon their lives. (Enclosed is a statement made by Ellory Elizondo.)

Margaret Lazear lead: A Litany of Life Impact and Deep Thankfulness.

Her husband, Gene Boivin, presented Symbols of Iris' covenants with History, the Order, the Marriage and Herself, placing them in the Urn.

The Sendout

Joe Slicker read: The Assignment of Iris.

The community joined in the Spiral Dance to the music of Pachelbel, led by David and Margaret Lazear. While at the center each family member lit a candle while Jeanette Stanfield, representing the Panchayat, read The Planetary Vision. The circle spiraled out to the music: White Light.

In conclusion, Gene Boivin invited everyone to join in a 'Polish Style' celebration with food, drink, dancing and visiting on the mezzanine.

THE ATUNEMENT

This is precisely the point: whenever we give ourselves to whatever presents itself instead of grasping and holding it, we flow with it. We do not arrest the flow of reality, we do not try to possess, we do not try to hold back, but we let go, and everything is alive as long as we let it go. When we cut the flower it is no longer alive; when we take water out of the river it is just a bucketful of water, not the flowing river; when we take air and put it in a balloon it is no longer the wind. Everything that flows and is alive has to be taken and given at the same time - taken with a very, very light touch.

THE TIME OF SAYINGS

Dignity comes from using your inherent human resources, by doing things with our own bare hands - on the spot, properly and beautifully. You can do that; even in the worst of the worst situations, you can still make your life elegant.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VICTORY

Over the centuries, there have been many who have sought the ultimate good and have tried to share it with their fellow human beings. To realize it requires immaculate discipline and unflinching conviction. Those who have been fearless in their search and fearless in their proclamation belong to the lineage of master warriors, whatever their religion, philosophy, or creed. What distinguishes such leaders of humanity and guardians of human wisdom is their fearless expression of gentleness and genuineness - on behalf of all sentient beings. We should venerate their example and acknowledge the path they have laid for us.

A LITANY OF LIFE IMPACT AND DEEP THANKFULNESS

- L. If Iris had been born to bring the delight of childhood into her family and not grown to the fullness of womanhood,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had born nine great human beings and not guided their journeys with passion,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had served her Church faithfully and let others worry about carrying its message contentlessly, yet filled with the content of her life, to the globe,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had simply loved her community and not moved to Fifth City with her family as a sign of hope for local community everywhere,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had simply loved all the children of Fifth City through her work in the preschool and not pioneer in the development of the Imaginal Education curriculum and all its applications,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had simply loved the people of Texas, and Oklahoma and Louisiana, serving the colleagues there with her creativity and not transformed our images of permeation with her job as Director at Planned Parenthood,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had simply loved the people of El Bayad and not developed a symbol system to train the staff to start a preschool there,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
- L. If Iris had simply loved the people of Kenya and not been instrumental in launching the replication of villages and obtaining funding for the Kabiro Health Clinic,
- C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply loved the people of Guatemala and Venezuela and not used Imaginal Education to train health caretakers and establish preventive health care systems,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply loved the people of Lorimor and not travelled the whole state of Iowa raising funds for our work around the globe,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply loved the Order and its Blue with her whole life and not ever expanded our understanding of truly being a third order in history,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply facilitated the Planetary Vision Quest and not recognized and declared the seeding of a new and approaching harvest of spirit,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply poured her passion into singing love songs and not revealed the glory of singing to Being Itself,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply shared her energies with all around her and not bathed them in the bright light of the grounded reality of her life understandings,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

L. If Iris had simply lived with dignity honoring each of us with her presence and not also died a great death,

C. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

THE SEND OUT - The Planetary Vision

*We are called now to deliver on
our promise to be the instruments
and servants of the Mystery.*

*Our promise is an individual one.
Our promise is a corporate one.*

*We are called now to give back
all that we have learned
all that we have been given
all that we have become*

*The Mystery has revealed a world torn
and shattered. We are called to give back
a reconciling style, a dauntless determination.*

*The Mystery has revealed a world connected
and inter-dependent. We are called to give back
a transparent team
a resilient family
a solemn covenant.*

*The Mystery has revealed a world
bubbling with fullness,
yet hungry for Love,
starved for care.*

*We are called to give back emblems
of everyday care.
We are called to be structural celebration
of Life in all forms, fullness.*

*We have been privileged
to be witness and experience
to the creation and re-creation.*

*We are called to be it now
to articulate it for all,
to adorn it with order and system.*

*As a gift, As a gift
as it is given.*