
*Celebrating The Life
Of
Joyce Elaine Townley*



JULY 14, 1930 – MARCH 16TH, 2013



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,
That where there is hatred, I may bring love;

That where there is wrong,
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;

That where there is discord, I may bring harmony;

That where there is error, I may bring truth;

That where there is doubt, I may bring faith;

That where there is despair, I may bring hope;

That where there are shadows, I may bring light;

That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort
than to be comforted;

To understand, than to be understood;

To love, than to be loved.

For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.



Acknowledgements

*We extend heartfelt appreciation to all who have
Offered their love and support during this time.*

Donations

*In lieu of flowers and in Joyce's memory,
donations may be made to Unity in Chicago.,
Joyce's spiritual home and community.*

~ Joyce Elaine Townley ~

Joyce Elaine Townley passed away as she slept at her home in Chicago on March 16, 2013. Born in Elkton, Michigan to Daniel Felix Biber and Violet Elliott Biber, Joyce attended Elkton High School and graduated from Asbury College in Willmore, Kentucky where she met and married Philip H. Townley and gave birth to Stephen. The family served churches in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania (where Laura was born), Midland, Michigan and Warren, Michigan (where Brian was born). She enjoyed summers at the family's beach cottage in Caseville, where the children played in Saginaw Bay.

In 1967 the family moved to Chicago to join the Ecumenical Institute, a research, training and development organization serving the local church. Joyce played many roles there, including teaching the institute's courses in religious and cultural studies and working in the program operations office. Joyce and Phil were divorced in 1972 and Joyce moved to Milwaukee to be near her father and to launch a new career in Human Resources with ManPower International. She later moved back to Chicago and applied her business skills working for Walter V. Clark and Associates and then started her own business, "Success Unlimited."

Upon her retirement in 1995, Joyce moved to Manitowoc/Two Rivers, Wisconsin. She worked at several part-time jobs and was active in several groups including the Association of University Women, Unity Church in Sheboygan, Peacemakers and several Bridge and book clubs. She made many close friends.

In 2010 Joyce moved back to Chicago to be closer to her family. She lived at G&A Senior Residence only a few blocks from Unity in Chicago of which she became an active member. She volunteered at the Institute of Cultural Affairs.

Joyce loved sports. A Cubs or Packers win or loss could make or break her day. Joyce loved food – by her own admission, a bit too much. Cooking it, talking about it and most of all eating it with family and friends! Joyce loved music. She was very proud of her perfect pitch. A CD of some of her favorite music is being played here today. Joyce loved mountains and water. In the past two years she was able to visit Glacier National Park and return to Caseville to wade again in Saginaw Bay, two items high on her "bucket list."

Most of all, Joyce loved her friends and family. Any opportunity to be together with them delighted her. She had many such opportunities this past year which she described as one of the best years of her life! Joyce is survived by sons, Stephen Townley (Anne Conroy) and Brian Townley (Tricia Mueller), daughter Laura Spencer, Granddaughters Asha and Sonya Spencer, Brenna Townley, LuAnn, Elaine and Katharine Townley and grandson Daniel Roberts (Lorraine Maguire) and four great-grandchildren.



Order of Service

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Prelude	This is The Day Take Me Out to the Ballgame
Welcome	Rev. Russ Sorensen
Lord's Prayer	Vida Voysey Peter Polzak Congregation
God Is Spirit	Rev. Russ Sorensen
Surely the Presence	Vida Voysey Congregation
Meditation	Rev. Russ Sorensen
Prayer of St. Francis	Fred Mahaffey
Honoring Joyce	Steve Townley Laura Spencer Brian Townley
Musical Interlude: <i>I Am Free</i>	Vida Voysey Congregation
Reading	Jean Biegun
Shine On, A Legacy of Light	Family
Prayer of Protection	Eva Jackson
Let There Be Peace on Earth	Congregation
Go Cubs Go!	Congregation



*Please join us for a post service gathering in the
Friendship Room, 1st Floor, following today's service.*