



From Barna Koh: I have the honour of doing the Ramp Awareness Video with Joyce on 16 June to help raise funds to build a ramp for the elderly and wheelchair-bound. It was fun filming with her. She was a natural actress. Will remember you, Joyce, when the Ramp is ready for use.



From Claudine Nalpon: It was a JOY knowing Cute, Bubbly, Joyce. True to her name, she was always joyful and of good cheer. I love hearing her tales of her Good Old Days. She was full of humour, making us laugh with her candid jokes.



From Teresa Koh: Joyce was God-sent / God led! She was looking for another group but entered the wrong room and eventually stayed on with us from 2017 to her passing. She was proactive and participated in our activities unashamedly. Besides bringing joy and laughter to our gathering, she never failed to bring in different types of food to feed us and promoting the hawker ware. (I believe she is actually patroning and helping her hawker friends). Her sudden passing is a loss to our group.

Mass Offering for Joyce

The Seniors have decided to offer every Thursday 12.15 noon Mass for Joyce from 14 September right to end of December 2023. This is in emulation of her regular offering of Masses for souls unknown to her.

So on 14 September, some Seniors gathered for Rosary Prayer at her niche before attending the 12.15 noon Mass.



This will be ongoing till end of 2023.

Thank you Joyce for all that you had been for us.

You will be remembered.



The End of Joyce Seow's Earthly Pilgrimage



By Teresa Koh

Our beloved Joyce Seow had hardly talked about her heart conditions. She only mentioned that she would be going for a heart scan in July. Little did the Seniors expect that she would subsequently be in and out of hospital for inserting stents, heart pacer and then finally for heart valve procedure.

So, it was with great shock when we heard she did not make it through the procedure on 7 September.

In disbelief, the Seniors poured out sharings of their interactions with Joyce which spurred me to create a Tribute book in appreciative memory of her.



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Joyce's wake was held in St Mary's La Verna Room and Seniors came nightly for prayers with her family. Her funeral Mass was well attended by more than twenty Seniors. Friar Michael D'Cruz did a very heartwarming send-off. His prayers and homily were so uplifting and consoling. It did help heal our brokenness. I believe Joyce must be beaming shyly and happily, watching us as she ended her earthly pilgrimage and returned to her heavenly abode.

Gone but not forgotten.

Our Tribute Book to Joyce Seow

By Teresa Koh

When news of Joyce's sudden passing broke, Seniors poured in their grief and memories of her into our Seniors WhatsApp chat. The thought of a Tribute Book in her memory came to my mind. Nothing was inconceivable with God's blessings. Within two nights a 25 page book with pictures of Joyce's participation and the Seniors' tributes was completed and presented to her family.



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Looking back, the Tribute Book was God's way of providing a sort of healing for the bereaved Seniors. Most of all, through the pictures and sharings in the book, Joyce's family came to know and cherish Joyce's involvement and contributions to our Seniors Group and how she had independently kept herself happily and purposefully occupied in church activities.



Above are just glimpses of some of the pages in our Tribute Book. However, I would like to present a few sharings I received.



From Margaret Koh: Will miss Joyce's bubbly personality. She was ever so lively and in good spirit when Doreen and I visited her in hospital on 15 August. Even in sickness, she was still so generous to offer a love offering to a priest who was visiting a patient in the next bed. Knowing she was a Catholic, the priest gave her a blessing.

I will remember this big hearted dear friend Joyce. When I joined the Love Offering Counting Group, I used to see a stack of about five Mass offering for souls envelopes put in by Joyce regularly. They were offered for souls whom she did not know personally. Joyce did these quietly.

Love you, Lao Kawan, as you called me. You will be in Heaven with Jesus, Mother Mary and angels surrounding you dearly.



From Audrey Yip: Her Faith in God and devotion to St Anthony will remain in my heart. I will miss her tremendously.



From Tan Kim Suan: When Barna and I visited her in National University Hospital on 13 August, in her two hour conversation, she mentioned that when she got her CPF money, she bought nine niches in St Mary's Columbarium to help raise funds for the church. The niches are booked for her relatives. Our SMALL Joyce has a very BIG HEART!