

Ans

St. Mary's
Box 72
Grahamstown

August 23rd 1994.

My dear Sheila

I am so sorry to hear of dear Bishop Bill's passing from this life, although for him, one can rejoice, for the wonder & joy which must have been his when he wakened up and found himself in the heavenly Presence of Him whom he has loved & served so well.

We can rejoice also that his sufferings are now over, but we know that his ministry of love & prayer will continue in a far deeper way for all those whom he has left behind.

I'm sure that 'Renewal' the great desire of his heart will sweep through our land again, if he has anything to do with it, especially with the richer & fuller understanding which is now his.

How very wonderful it was that you were both able to be in England, to experience

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again the sweeping of the Spirit as it swept through that land, and what a wonderful last experience you were able to share together before God called their home! Praise the Lord!

But for you Sheila it will inevitably be a time of sadness & sense of loss, although actually what has happened ^{is} he has just passed on ahead of you, and will be there waiting to welcome you with open arms to share that new & better life with him, when our Lord calls you; so take heart & rejoice, for you have indeed been a very wonderful wife & helpmeet, and God will richly bless you for that.

I can imagine the meeting between he and our Lord, seeing their embrace, and hearing our Lord as he says "Welcome home, dear and faithful servant & enter into the joy of your Lord"
May God bless & comfort you & your family very specially at this time.

With love & many prayers

Debbie Anne C.

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Dear Sheila, this is just a loving note of sympathy for the death of your husband. I know that you must be relieved to see his time of weakness & weariness is over, much as you must be feeling the loss & the loneliness after your life together.

We prayed for his soul & for you at the Eucharist in our chapel this morning. As associates, we shall miss you very much at our quarterly Fellowship Eucharist in our chapel in St. Peter's. You were such loyal members.

You will have so very many letters, so please do not attempt to answer this. It is simply a note for bringing you my loving sympathy & to say how very much help and inspiration he has been to so many.

May God bless you & comfort you,
With my prayers & my love
Madeline C.R.

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My dear Sheila and Mary -

I was shocked to learn this morning of Bill's death, as we had not known of his being seriously ill. This note brings the assurance of our warm prayers for you both in this loss. I am thinking of Bill now rejoicing in the Light, with clear vision of all that has been puzzling in this life; and in a dimension of Life that we cannot even dimly imagine. I don't know whether Bill had any liking for "modern" religious songs, but there is one which I particularly treasure: it runs,

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it in all its fullness.

The coming weeks will be hard,
but you will, I know, be surrounded
both by the love and prayers, and by
the strong support in practical things,
of many friends.

We shall all be giving thanks
at the Eucharist in our Chapel tomorrow
morning, for Bill's life and ministry,
both as Bishop of Grahamstown and
as Archbishop; and for his on-going
ministry during his retirement.

May you be greatly comforted and
upheld by a knowledge of the love
of God with you at this time.

Yours in His love

Monie R.