

30 August 1994

Dear Sheila,

We have heard the sad news of Bill's death, and simply want to express our sorrow at his earthly loss for you and your family; and our gratitude for the many good things we remember.

I had the good fortune to sit in the Cape Town chapter when Bill was Archbishop - my first experience of such an august group of people. He eased my way into that both as a superb chairman and as someone who cared about us. And you were always there providing excellent lunches & other comforts for us. The whole day, which is what it became, was a partnership which truly expressed the joint ministry you & Bill shared. I am thankful that I was able to say this to Bill when the time came for me to leave Cape Town, and not simply recall it at his death. The astonishing thing is that all this was 15-20 years ago & yet it remains ever yesterday fresh, as it were. Together you made Bishopscourt a hospitable home. Thank you.

Somehow and for some reason the relationship never grew in Grahamstown, and I regret that very much. Whatever it was in me has prevented it I am sorry for. But I remain among those who grew in grace as a result of Bill's ministry over the years. You will have had & will have many thankful tributes; may they be part of the strengthening love of God for you which comes through others. I think there is a way in which we kind of thank each other in God's Kingdom because in Christ

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we love & are loved into the Kingdom - its the best we can do for each other. May you know that richly now. You have shared for so long a life fully lived, a treasure trove of memories, and of enrichment in consequence. May God's grace fill you with courage & hope & that peace which passes understanding. You will have many, many letters; please do not feel you have to respond to this one - it is not necessary. We just want you to know that we hold you in God's love & are content for that to be expressed. With prayers & love Roy & Margaret