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The Fruitful Life of a Pastor's Wife



Left to Right:
Dorothy, Jody,
Norma, Marge,
Kathy, Pauline



"I commend to you our sisters who were servants of the churches..."
Romans 16:1

The effective ministry of NICE is dependent on the teamwork of our men and women, serving together for the glory of the Lord. Since its beginning, the Church planters or Pastors **AND** their wives are each considered Missionaries, and the service of each is important in the planting and establishing of churches.

This past year, 6 of our NICE missionary wives have been called home to glory. Although these women differed from one another in personality and ministry giftedness, they **ALL served** as opportunity and need arose.

By adapting Romans 16:1-2 we declare, **"I commend to you Dorothy, Jody, Norma, Marge, Kathy and Pauline ... our sisters who were servants of the churches ... for they have been helpers of many."**

• **Dorothy Wall Simpson** began service with NICE in 1964, and was used of the Lord throughout the Northwest states. Shirley Brubaker commented, *"Dorothy was such a blessing to me; she looked for ways to encourage us, and told us she prayed for us regularly."*

• **Jody Wantland**, part of the NICE family since 1968, touched lives for Christ in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California. Katherine Rodgers reminisced, *"Jody had an out-flowing love for people, through hospitality, fellowship and encouragement; you felt so valued!"*

• **Norma Greyn**, beginning in 1977, served with her husband, Gene, throughout Montana, helping both churches and NICE Missionaries. Her priority was to see her family

honor God, and to help alongside Gene to be more effective in ministry.

• **Marge Woolford** joined NICE in 1980. Both before and after her husband's accidental death, she faithfully magnified her Lord, through Women's Bible Classes; leading women to Christ and discipling them in God's Word.

• **Kathy Cornell** served with NICE from 1983 in Nevada, California and Idaho. *"She quietly ministered, sharing her home with others, serving faithfully with her husband, and working as a nurse,"* remembered Shirley Brubaker.

• **Pauline Beyer**, serving with NICE since 1991, was used to draw people to Christ by her quiet and gracious spirit. The joy of the Lord was seen clearly in her life, even though she dealt with constant physical pain.

In reflecting on these Godly women, Elvia Sprague stated, *"Collectively these ladies were gifted Bible teacher, pianist, organist, Women's ministry coordinator, Sunday school teacher, community visiting nurse, nursery worker, chocolate chip cookie-maker par excellence, encourager, prayer warrior, and dear friend! I was enriched by knowing them and loving them."*

When you pray for the NICE Missionaries, please do uphold the Pastors' wives, who as Katherine Rodgers noted, *"Have differing roles according to their talents, age, need and location - but all love their Lord and desire to serve Him in all they do!"* Your prayers are the life-line for all the work of NICE; THANK YOU for partnering with us!

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:7