

AMAZING GRACE CANADA

Goodbye Joan Clare

I met Joan at our LADY of PEACE church in Toronto at a Catholic youth organization meeting. Joan was 14 years old, and I was 16. Five years later we were married. When I graduated in medicine in 1963, we had 2 lovely sons. When I became a skin specialist in 1968, we also had 4 beautiful daughters.

In 1975 after attending a Catholic Charismatic meeting, we received a call from God to dedicate our lives helping the poor. We spent the next 47 years giving all our energy helping the poor.

Joan gave birth to 6 more lovely children, and we adopted 2 good sons. Joan suffered from diabetes, severe arthritis, blindness from macular degeneration, high blood pressure and heart disease that needed a pace maker.

When I went on a mission trip for the poor on July 1st, 2022, she knew she had weakness in her left arm, but did not want to tell me for fear I would cancel the trip.

When I returned, Joan was in the hospital with a paralyzed left arm and left leg and was diagnosed with a stroke. Later, she had a convulsion (seizure). The neurosurgeon did a brain biopsy and found cancer and gave her 3 weeks to live.

She wanted to come home and sit outside. She was able to go outside twice. She was at home for 1 month. All our children and family helped. Josephine and Larni worked 24-hour shifts. Dr. Sandy Tecimer used her gifted expertise so that Joan did not suffer.

Joan died at 5AM September 26th, 2022. In the afternoon, I saw my patients. I was allowed to give Christian Words of Remembrance at Joan's Memorial mass on September 30th, 2022. This is what I told the people.

"This morning I remembered what happened many years ago when our son, Matthew came into the kitchen when Joan was sneaking a drink of wine from the cupboard. He said, "What are you doing mom?" Joan replied, "I'm cleaning the cupboard". After Matthew left, she said to herself "I lied to my son." She admitted that she had a weakness for alcohol and never drank alcohol for the next 42 years.

That same morning before the memorial mass I saw the rope that she used to hang the washing. We never had a dryer so in the winter we went the rope to dry the clothes in the basement or living room. Then I saw soap. Joan cleaned my medical office 6 days a week which included washing the floor on her hands and knees.

When Joan was dying she asked me "What are you going to do?" I said "I will thank God everyday for having a beautiful wife for 62 years."

Joan also said "Andrew you must keep on helping the poor," who she called "Mary's Children." Her last words were "Mother Mary."

Jesus told us that when you put your hands to the plow don't turn back. In Joan's memory, I will try each day to continue working for the poor.

A special thank you for all of you who have sent your kind and loving messages.

Joan was very happy to start AMAZING GRACE CANADA to help people and their families who suffer from weaknesses for alcohol, drugs and gambling.

Recently one of the oil producers of the world announced a 3rd quarter profit (July, August and September) of 42 billion US dollars. They will use this to build a futuristic city that will cost 500 billion US dollars. Sister Maria Euphrasia, the founder of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd said 1 human soul is more valuable than all the material possessions of this earth. So, Joan had a wish that AMAZING GRACE CANADA would become a registered charity. I am going to ask John and his wife if they could help us to get this a recognized federal charity. We want Amazing Grace to help produce a futuristic city in families where addiction may be changed by relying on the Kingdom of God who loves us greatly when we are weak and ask Him to help us.

Sincerely,

Andrew A. Simone, MD.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Joan Clare Simone

Born To This Life **September 22, 1940**

Entered Eternal Life **September 26, 2022**

Always in our Hearts

“Remember that when you leave this earth,
you can take with you nothing that you have
received - only what you have given: a full
heart, enriched by honest service, love,
sacrifice, and courage.”

St Francis of Assisi