

## Ministry

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Dear Friends of On Target Ministry Marcea,

# PROMOTION!

## **MARGIE JEAN BEARSS IS WITH THE LORD!**

“Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of His saints” (Psalm 116:15). Wednesday, January 25, 2023 was Promotion Day for my dear mother, Margie Bearss. Mom was 95 years old when God decided that her work for His glory had been completed. He took her into His loving presence in heaven where she is now happier and healthier than she has ever been. She will be missed by her three children and grandchildren. Her life of service for the Lord, and her clear testimony of faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior, stands as a testament to the wonderful saving grace of the Jesus Christ.

Mom was born June 3, 1927 in Springfield, Illinois to John and Ethyl Stevens who raised her in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She was saved by the grace of God early in life and served Him faithfully all her days. Her talent in music allowed her to play the piano, organ, and keyboard in church. At age 6 she started playing the piano for the Junior Church at Third Presbyterian Church. By the age of 13 she was promoted to Head Organist of this 3,000 member congregation.

The Lord led mom to attend Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois where she majored in music and improved her skills. In her freshman year, she earned the position of piano player for Moody Radio, and she became the Head Organist of Moody Church where she served throughout her college career. At Moody, she met Robert Ross Bearss from Cass City, Michigan and they were married August 7, 1948. God called my father into pastoral ministry where he served five churches for over 43 years. Mom faithfully played the piano and organ for all the worship services and choir.



While serving in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, mom attended the University of Wisconsin and earned her Masters Degree in Education. She taught elementary school for 22 years. Her testimony for Christ made a great impact on her fellow teachers and students.



When dad passed away in 1992, mom continued to faithfully serve the Lord by playing the piano for church. She would often say that she promised God she would serve Him all the days of her life, so she saw no reason to stop playing. In 2006 mom moved to Florida at the invitation of Pastor J. O. Purcell and began playing piano and organ for Tri-County Baptist Church where she faithfully served until she finally retired in 2019. After 86 years of faithful service to the Lord, her ministry at the keyboard came to an end. I marvel at that record of service. How many people do you know who served the Lord 86 years in the same ministry!

Now mom is with the Lord and rejoicing around the throne of grace with her precious Savior. Her long and faithful testimony of faith in Christ makes me confident that when she entered heaven's glory she heard the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord." Don't be surprised when we all get to heaven to see mom sitting at the keyboard playing for the heavenly congregation singing praises to God!

### **MODULE 3 IN HAITI IS COMING. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Module 3 for Cohort 4 of the Haiti Bible Institute is scheduled for February 22 – March 1, 2023. Donations of help pay for this module have been coming in, but we still need \$14,500 to fully pay for the module. As always, your help is appreciated and necessary for the success of the school.

My mother requested that any gifts in her memory should be given to On Target Ministry for the support of the Haiti Bible Institute. Your gifts in her name will help carry on her legacy of faithful giving to the work of the Lord. She was the first supporter of On Target Ministry in March 2006, and she gave faithfully to this ministry every month for seventeen years.

Grace and peace,

*Doc & Anna Bearss*

**Pictures:** *(front)* Mom at home *(back)* Mom and my sister Marcea who cared for mom for her last 8 years

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