



Marilyn Cail

December 17, 2022

Marilyn “Teddy” Joan Cail

July 27, 1926 – December 17, 2022

Marilyn was born in Toronto, Ontario in a loving home and grew up during the depression. She realized her need of a Saviour while attending a camp when she was 16 and was born again into God’s family. After graduating from high school and spending some time at the University of Toronto, she transferred to Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University) in South Carolina and graduated with a degree in Biblical Education. She had surrendered her life to the Lord Jesus Christ for His service, wherever that might be.

It was there at Bible College that she met James “Jim” Nelson Cail, from Charlotte, NC, in whom God had also been working. They married and joined Sudan Interior Mission (today known simply as SIM). Feeling God’s call to Francophone Africa, they went to France to study French, and also began their family, which continued to grow over the next eight years until there were six children.

In 1953, they traveled by ship to the country now known as the Republic of Benin (in West Africa) and began their ministry among the Baatonu people, first in evangelism and eventually launching a Bible school in the Baatonu

language. Marilyn's ministry involved helping Jim among the Baatonu and being a wife and mother. Raising six children is not a minor task! After Jim became a Type 1 diabetic in 1963, she also carried the responsibility of helping him maintain his diet and total regime.

In 1970, they returned to the United States for ten years in order to care for family needs. After all the children were out of the home, Jim and Marilyn went back to Benin for another ten years of ministry, especially helping to train leaders who could not go to a residential Bible school. In 1989, they retired from the field, and after a couple of years serving in SIM's home office, they retired fully.

Since the early 1990's, Jim and Marilyn poured themselves into their family, especially adult children and growing grandchildren. They were both faithful in visiting shut-ins, some younger than they were! Jim preceded his beloved Teddy to heaven in March 2015. Before she joined him, she lost a great-grandchild, Samuel, to brain cancer, and then her youngest son, Hal, also to cancer.

Marilyn is survived by five children – Carolyn Estep (Neal), Jim Jr. (Jean), Grant (Regina), George (Kathryn), Sharon Miller (Craig), and daughter-in-law Martha – as well as 20 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

One of Marilyn's greatest desires was that God be glorified in her and in all her descendants, and she prayed daily to that end.

Memorial gifts may be made to SIM for the Bariba Bible School in Benin (Bariba is the English equivalent of Baatonu). You may either send gifts directly to SIM USA, 14830 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28273 and designate for the Bariba Bible School, or online at <https://www.simusa.org/give/> and type in Bariba Bible School in the box to select a project. This school holds a

special place in the Cail family as Jim and Marilyn started that school.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Calvary Church, 5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226. The family will receive friends at the church from 9 AM until the time of service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
info@calvarychurch.com
<http://www.calvarychurch.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Cail*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Marilyn and her husband Jim were my "table buddies" who I had the pleasure to sit with in our adult life group at Calvary Church. I will miss Marilyn's presence, smile, and conversation.*

Paul W - January 08, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Cail.*



January 04, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ *My condolences to you Grant. I pray that God will extend His arm of comfort around you and the rest of your family. Reading through the comments, it's a blessing to see how much Marilyn has blessed others including you. - Simon Huang*

Simon Huang - January 04, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *What a beautiful, soft-spoken adventurer! Honored to serve with her, if only for a few days. Lord bless her kids and keep her legacy alive!*

Betty Best - January 04, 2023 at 12:03 PM

LC

“ *Marilyn has probably been one of our biggest prayer warriors over the years. We are thankful for relatively recent visits. We will miss her greatly! Linn and John Crowe*

Linn Crowe - January 02, 2023 at 07:16 PM

CP

“ *Eric and I have sweet memories of Marilyn during a time when we were privileged to pick her up and give her a ride to church. It was always a time of fellowship for us and catching up with family and our dear friends, her son George and wife Kathy who at that time were in Africa. Marilyn so faithfully walked with the Lord and left a great heritage to her family. It was an honor to know her.*

Carol Peterson - January 02, 2023 at 05:43 PM

GC

“ *1 file added to the album Marilyn Cail*



George Cail - January 02, 2023 at 10:35 AM

KW

“ *Kaye W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marilyn Cail.*



Kaye W. - December 28, 2022 at 04:35 PM