

Louise Carter receives Spiritual Aims award

The Spiritual Aims Award, given each year by the Kiwanis Club to a deserving recipient, was chosen this year by this nomination, written and presented to the club by Mrs. Shirley Cox.

If angels are all around us, as I believe they are, then surely one such angel is Mrs. Louise Carter. No, she doesn't have large feathery wings (at least not visibly), but I think that she fulfills the role of an angel very well.

Although Ms. Louise shows abundant love and concern for people of all ages, I believe that God has called her to minister lovingly to young people through loving counsel and encouragement. She does this quietly and gently, whispering soft words of affirmation and validation. When Ms. Louise lost a granddaughter in a

car accident several years ago, I watched ash she courageously put aside her own grief and stood at the back of the funeral home, comforting teenagers who came to the visitation. Instead of focusing on herself and her own loss, she wisely used this time as an opportunity to advise other young people in a kind, gentle manner—always with a pat and a smile.

Ms. Louise taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon for many years. Every Sunday, petite Ms. Louise would carry in a large grocery bag filled with goodies to delight her students. It was much later before I realized that once a child entered Ms. Louise's class her she actually became an adopted child of hers—for life. My own son, for example, has received birthday cards from her for about 20 years along

with money tucked beside some well selected words cautioning him about the new temptations that he would face with his new age related privileges. After he left home, I found a graduation card for him that said, "To my Grandson." It was from Ms. Louise. Imagine how special he felt when he realized that someone besides his family had that kind of love and admiration for him. For a long time, I selfishly thought that Ms. Louise has especially chosen my son until overheard another young man in our church thanking her for his first birthday card from Ms. Louise. I was babysitting. Barely able to read, she came in smiling and shaking with excitement as she murmured, "This letter is to me. It has my name on it." Gradually, I realized that Ms. Louise's birthday ministry extended to nearly every child in our church. Only an angel could possibly develop a method that is complex enough to remember all those birth-

days.

Ms. Louise has a swimming pool in her backyard that she uses to welcome church groups as well as the friends of her children and grandchildren. She makes each person feel important and loved. She also uses her yard for annual church Easter egg hunts and fills a closet in her home with future shower gifts. She loves gardening and freely shares her flowers with others. Her generous nature continues throughout every aspect of her life. She gives away hugs, soothes hurt feelings, acts as a peacemaker.

When Ms. Louise had a serious bout with cancer several years ago, she fought not only the illness, but also the effects of excessive radiation. After going to Mayo Clinic for surgery, she bravely conquered her own physical problems. Ms. Louise has just kept on smiling and now uses this traumatic time to help others by calling women in our county who face cancer, telling them about her wonderful recovery and cautioning them about radiation treatments.

I am sure that Ms. Louise has quietly helped many, many more people than I could ever know, because angels often do silent work. It is just whenever I come close beside her and overhear her whispering encouraging nurturing life changing words to a young man at the checkout counter or see her patting some child on the back as she smiles her radiant smile that I know why God keeps her with us... it is because she is still very busy doing the work of an angel.



In recognition of National Prayer Week, the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club held a special meeting Thursday, May 18th at the Castle Inn Restaurant. Toby Frost, an evangelist with the baptist crusade, was the guest speaker with Bro. Mark Whicker from the Broadhead Baptist Church bringing a message in song. Several ministers from within the county along with 25 guests were in attendance as the Spiritual Aims Committee surprised Mrs. Louise Carter with the Spiritual Aims Award for her kind deeds in the community. Above, children and grandchildren of Mrs. Louise Carter were on hand for the honoring of their mother at the meeting. First row: Claretta Hodges, Shirley Cox - Spiritual Aims Committee member who presented the award, Mrs. Louise Carter, Linda Carter, Brianna Carter, Back row: Clyde Wilson, Tiffany Carter, Melinda Hacker, Clarence Carter, Larry Carter, Brian Carter and Jerry Carter.

At left, Louise Carter received the Spiritual Aims Award, given each year by the Kiwanis Club.



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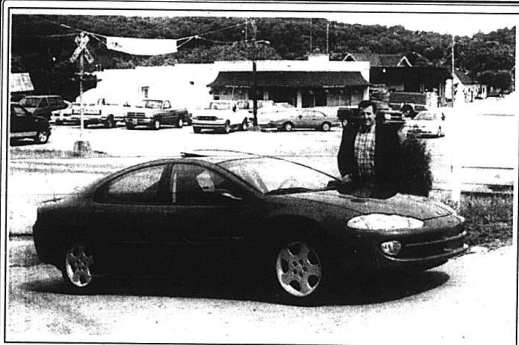
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