

Lewisville Church of Christ

Lady of the week: Fiona Cottle

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Today we meet a very interesting lady, **Fiona Cottle**. She has been an inspiration to all of us. We all know how she loved and cared for her precious husband, **Jim**, who passed on to his heavenly reward last August. They had a long and happy married life of 41 years. To really appreciate that you must hear the story of their courtship. How many people do you know who met their mate on a Greyhound Bus somewhere west of Amarillo, Texas?

Jim was in the Navy and on leave visiting his family, and **Fiona** was in Texas visiting her family. They were travelling from Amarillo to Albuquerque. A fellow passenger introduced them. **Fiona** got off the bus in Albuquerque but that was not the end of the story. It was just the beginning. They started corresponding for nearly two years before they had their first date. The dating might have started earlier, but **Jim** was on the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Midway, at sea most of the two years. When they started dating, it didn't take long before they know it was a match meant to be. They were married on April 30, 1966 in Bakersfield, CA. Since **Jim** was working in San Jose, CA, they made their first home there. She said God blessed her richly by giving her a fine, Christian husband and two sons.

Fiona was originally from Bakersfield. (Thankfully she had family in Texas otherwise her story would have been different!!) She has three brothers and no sisters. Her mother still lives in CA and is 91 years young. Her two sons and their families live in the Metroplex with her six grandchildren. Son, **Aaron**, and his family, **Jan, TJ, Brooke** and **Ben** placed their membership here last week so she's extremely happy!

Fiona has had many careers but her most enjoyable one was being a caregiver for her two sons. She started out working in a fabric shop and ended up as an office manager for a real estate firm in Plano. She has had many other jobs such as cub scouts, little league, PTA, well-baby clinics and most everything that her sons were involved in. Now she ready to "work" with/for her grandchildren.

Fiona is making great progress in taking care of herself. Her first challenge was to buy gasoline with a debit card. Now that she's mastered that, she's on to other challenges. Her hobbies include crafts and flower arrangements.

Jim and **Fiona** were very involved in the church and **Fiona** is determined to continue in her work for the Lord. She wants to start an outreach for widows. She's involved in the Ladies Bible Class. Also, she enjoys having people visit in her home.

Fiona's favorite scripture is I Cor. 10:12-13: *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it."* Her best advice is to always put Christ first and the rest will fall into place.....By: Angie Mayo

Favorite Recipe: Peanut Butter Rice Krispies

Melt 1 c. white karo syrup & 1 c. sugar together until it comes to a boil.

Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and add 1 c. peanut butter (Fiona prefers crunchy)

Mix well with 6 c. of rice Krispies.

Put in 9 x 11 buttered pan (spray butter works well)

Melt 1 6 oz. pkg. choc chips & 1 6 oz. pkg. butterscotch chip together in microwave

Spread over top of rice Krispies, cool and cut into squares. Enjoy!!!