

# Dorothy McCrory

## Becomers Mystery Person of the week - April 22, 2007

Oldest of three sisters

Family moved often due to Dad's work (electrical engineer)

Music strong influence - played piano and cello, family played instruments together

Started love of cats as a young child (recently the second of our two sister cats died Belle & Noelle)

In Girl Scouts - Brownie through Senior Scout

Belonged to MYF, Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sister put on plays created by me for the family for holidays

In first Youth Symphony Orchestra Central KY traveling every Sat to practice on bus or friend's tiny car with cello

In many Children's Theater plays (loved being one of Cinderella's mean sisters!)

Graduated as Valedictorian

Worked a year to help finance going to Bob Jones Univ

First overnight train trip to BJU - tried to sleep in a bunk but was too excited about adventure

Majored in Radio/TV, worked with movie production on campus, was Script Clerk & acted in "Wine of Morning", piano lessons,

Hated first 2 weeks on campus with required Chapel daily, "altar calls". Made 2 friends close to me who were alike on the issue of being made to stand up to "accept Jesus" (we had already believed when we arrived and didn't think we should have to do it over in this manner - a bit rebellious), so on the final day we finally did stand because we knew this was going to go on until every one stood. Then there was the nightly dorm prayer meetings, required prayer around in circle - really dreaded this! Called parents to let me leave school, they asked me to give it at least a month. I did, and by that time I had accepted the things I didn't like because there was so much that was exactly what I wanted to learn and do... and friends I made for a lifetime.

Worked at WNEM-TV, Bay City, Michigan, as Promotion-Publicity Director eventually.

Joined the Methodist Church, & Choir where I met Ed (his Mom my S.S. teacher & our Mom's in Women's group together (Ed just back from Air Force & new blue Buick!)

Sister arranged meeting with Ed and he came to our home every night (Dad asked Mom "Who is he here to see?". It was strictly friendship until Dec in movie theater ("Rebel Without Cause") he touched my hand - and it struck like a romance novel. We were married following Sept (celebrated 50 anniversary 2006)

Three children, Bryan, Kathy and Becky, six grandchildren

Always loved Geography & History and dreamed of living short time in different countries and cultures. Through Ed's work, have lived on three Continents, visited 30 countries, lived in Switzerland, South Africa (3 yrs), and Belgium

At a dinner party in S.A., was told that I should think about getting involved with Scots group,

which we did when returning to USA - I am in Clan Davidson & Ed is in Clan Donald (McCrary is a sept). We enjoy going to Highland Games, and other activities.

South Africa, volunteered to direct a Domestic Workers program set up to educate the black people nine tribes & languages (during apartheid). Worked with Leah and Desmond Tutu.

Invited attendees to Bishop Tutu's ordination as Bishop - first of having a black Bishop over all - black AND whites.

During beginning (music playing) Ordination, we were seated in added folding chairs close to front - my chairs broke, and instantly had ushers and everyone quickly helping me up and with a replacement chair ... probably my most embarrassing moment - only my pride was hurt!! I was the talk at the Reception (not bad, just sympathizing).

Most weekends while living in Europe drag the family to as many places I could (kids all in school)

Taught Kindergarten in USA & Belgium

Returning to Minnesota, kids all in higher education, graduated from a Travel School and worked for agency doing tours

Moved a lot with Ed's company - he would go ahead and make moving plans. (During first overseas move from NJ to Switz, listened to Nixon's resignation & leaving while packers were there). One move - left Switz, flew to Rome for Christmas and on South Africa for New Year's Eve- hot & swimming)

Breast Cancer survivor - 26 years

House (new house) fire in Minn (cause was electrical) - destroyed most things. Ed was in Switzerland on business, it was after a huge snow, I was in hospital for last chemo and saw house on TV evening news. The shock caused my tongue to go into shock and I could not speak intelligently (well, less than usual!) for several hours... that was a first for me... to not be able to talk!!

Moved to San Diego (Ed had retired & accepted new job). We moved to Santa Ana to be close to church - decided to downsize, selling home with pool to be near to C.C., not have large place to take care of and give of our time and talents to this ministry.

I did several years of "Glories" in cast, graduated in MAT III class, with Mature Adults as my Ministry, worked for Dunstan Sampson (Jim Kok actually). Worked for Ken Leestma, continued with the Travel portion. Escorted countless day trips, 3-day trips, Disney cruise, trip to Michigan tulip time (visited Hope College & the Maasens assisted) Let go during financial crunch.

Traveling followed - month tour planned by Ed & I over Europe and England/Ireland; a trip to Israel, Alaska cruise, Mexico cruise. Mediterranean Cruise, and many land trips in Calif. Spent 5 weeks in Edinburgh, Scotland in December 2002 checking it out how we would fare living there for 2-3 years. Returned in Jan and was called to interview with Jim Kok. I did and that is where all my gifts and experiences have come together to assist him in Pastoral Care and now Senior Ministry.