GeorgeAnn Hughes

Commentary for May 1, 2015 — She Died Wednesday, April 22, 2015

First, I need to tell about this month’s article, “Israel and Judah: 9. Rape and Murder.” It is introduced by the “May 2015 Newsletter,” which gives background information about the article. It begins the extended story of David’s beloved son Absalom and his terrible acts against God, against David, against Israel, against his brethren. His actions were part of God’s punishment of David for his sins involving Bathsheba and Uriah the Hittite. It is not a happy tale. Neither is what I must tell you now.

GeorgeAnn

I received news on April 24th that my friend and friend of ASK, GeorgeAnn Hughes, died on Wednesday, April 22. GeorgeAnn will be remembered for her wide-ranging curiosity, her love of country, her caring nature for people and animals, and for her unique voice. GeorgeAnn loved God, although she often did not understand His ways. We all have such questions as she asked of God, good tough questions. Some day we all will have answers to those seemingly difficult questions. Here is the notification from her son on the 23rd of April

All of my mom’s Friends (listeners),
This is John.
My Mother, as many of you already know, passed yesterday 4/22/15 AT 5:11 P.M. officially [Central Time].
Joseph Ferrell (a very good and tried friend of my mom) posted a video also on his “News and Views,” please take the time to watch this or visit his link. He has given a wonderful insight to mom. I will keep her site up for all to listen to.
I really can’t say any more right now, I am a wreck and I wanted to let You, her Friends, know what’s been happening and I will continue to let everyone know more as soon as I can figure out arrangements and afford them.

Thankyou all so so very much
God Bless all of You from my heart

GeorgeAnn’s curiosity was a wonderful thing. It kept her going, it gave her a purpose — to tell people the truth about anything and everything. Her interests were wide-ranging. She knew a great deal about cyber security, yet she was like many of as we get older, she was hesitant to embrace some new technologies. She also had a surprising knowledge about the Bible, without the wrong-headedness that comes from most Christian thought steeped in pagan thinking.

Robert Kelley and I tried to encourage GeorgeAnn several times (and I pushed hard) to talk

1 I have not spoken with John since he put out the notice.
2 Robert Kelley was a guest of GeorgeAnn’s before I was. He recommended me (and Dr. Martin’s work) to GeorgeAnn as a guest, for which I am still very grateful.
about herself. Robert and I wanted her to tell about her travels, the unique experiences she has had, and remarkable people she met. She led a very interesting life and lived in Alaska for years and owned her own beauty parlor. She traveled widely, often on a shoestring budget. In fact, she once traveled as the lone passenger on a cargo ship (also called a tramp steamer) to Europe alone. She said it was inexpensive and fascinating, stopping at over a dozen different ports in Europe. Then she would have days or even weeks to explore those cities. But … alas, Robert and I were unable to convince her to speak about herself. She was more interested in other people’s ideas and evidences.

GeorgeAnn was also an artist. Her work can be viewed on a page of The Byte Show, at http://www.thebyteshow.com/GeorgeAnnsArtGallery/Gallery.index.htm. There are two pages of her art work.

At the right is a picture of GeorgeAnn, probably taken some years before she moved to Oklahoma. I met GeorgeAnn face-to-face only one time in Las Vegas before her move. She was just as lively and interesting as she was over the phone.

There is a small Facebook page called “Friends of GeorgeAnn Hughes.” You do not need to sign up for anything to view that webpage. I will miss speaking with her. If I, or any of us, want to hear GeorgeAnn’s voice, she has left a huge legacy of shows on her website. She and I alone did well over 200 shows together over many years. How many other shows she did with other people is unknown. She never found time to count them all. I did my last show with her in December 2014. It was “Chapter 19: Scripture Says: Flee From Idolatry” from The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine. Hopefully with her son John or another designated host, we will be able to complete the series. If not, I shall complete it myself. I wish GeorgeAnn and I had been able to broadcast “Chapter 27: “Our Inheritance”: The Family of God.”

As an aside, it seemed that almost one out of three appointments we had scheduled to record a show went awry and we missed the connection. The problem was sometimes on her end, whether problems with the dog(s) she rescued or problems with her old house repairs, but mostly the problems seemed to be on my end. We laughed about that. In fact, we laughed a lot and we would have long talks off the air, as well as what you hear on the air. Off the air, we talked mostly about our opinions on world events, and the future, and why people do the evil that they do.

Her Legacy (and Ours)

GeorgeAnn’s future is now “locked” in death until her resurrection. I cannot say whether she will be in the first resurrection or not, her ideas on God and Christ changed much over the years, changed by winds of doctrine. But I know I will speak with and see her again — and then we will laugh together again. And she, like all of us, shall see the face of God as we will be seated with Christ at God the Father’s right hand (Ephesians 2:4–6).

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