Charlotte (Char) Ann Deslippe

Charlotte (Char) Ann Deslippe, inflight to New Zealand, died unexpectedly of heart failure in her sleep on April 12th, 2018. Born July 28th, 1939 in Des Moines, Iowa to Rose and Linus Lawler, Char married Robert (Bob) Milton Deslippe and immigrated to Canada in 1972. Prior to marriage, Char served in a religious community of sisters, completed a degree in U.S. History at Marycrest College in Davenport, and taught high school in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota. She completed her master's degree in Religious Education at the University of Detroit in 1972. Char's 50-year vocation inspired secondary and post-secondary students in the USA, Fort McMurray, AB, and Victoria, BC. She retired from teaching at St. Andrew's Regional High School in 1999, but continued her service as an Educational Consultant, eventually joining the Board of Directors for the Island Catholic Schools. Her accomplishments and accolades were many; notably, she co-authored a world religions textbook and developed religious education curricula for the provinces of Alberta, Ontario and BC. She was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association and was awarded the Benemerenti Medal for Service to the Church by his Holiness Pope Benedict the XVI in 2007.

Char was predeceased by her parents and brother, Father Phillip. She is survived by Bob; daughters Jennifer (Troy) and Julie (Hinrich); beloved grandchildren Leif, Faye, Briar, and Innis; cherished siblings Marilyn, Darrell (Carole), Loretta, and Tom (Jackie); and countless others touched by her extraordinary energy, spirit, joy and generosity.

A prayer vigil will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Parish at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th. All are invited to a Celebration of her Life on Friday, April 27th, 2018 at the Holy Cross Catholic Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Rd, Victoria at 11:00 am.

The family welcomes contributions to the Hanti Sidra One Global Family Society, supporting vital projects in the Horn of Africa, www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/HantiSidra/ including St. Joseph's School in Keren, Eritrea, where Char and Bob volunteered as teachers.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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"Mom died one month ago today – it's hard to believe, isn't it? So many people sent along kind words and memories of Mom before the funeral. We wanted to share these at Mom's celebration of life; however, we could not squeeze them in, as there were so many people present that spoke of mom and how she touched their lives. It was beautiful. Thank you, everyone, for being with us in person or in spirit that day. Your kind words, love and hugs continue to help so much!

Love Jen, Julie and Bob