



Delle Aloia Chatman

November 19, 1951 - November 7, 2006

Delle Aloia Chatman left this world for the next on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. She was 54 years old. She had been a tenacious, spirit-filled cancer warrior for four years, and loved to say to her sisters in the ovarian cancer struggle, "One day there will be a cure worthy of us!" Alas, not yet. She taught writing; first at Northwestern University, then at DePaul University, in Chicago, IL. She also taught for Act One, Inc., an organization devoted to giving Christian writers, in particular, the tools to write meaningful, well-crafted screenplays. She wrote in Hollywood for many years, and cherished most an assignment as screenwriter for the award winning Showtime film, "FREE OF EDEN." She also created an African American cowboy for the ABC series, "The Young Riders." Delle's published works include "The Unteachable Ten," and "Death of a Parent", co-authored by Rev. William Kenneally. "The Prayer Warriors of St. Gertrude", "Shake the Dust" and "Dear Faith Folk" were created to broaden her heart's reach even further on the Internet. She was most sorry to leave her daughter, the Remarkable Ramona, for whom she tried to remain on earth as long as possible. Her brothers Gregory, Christopher, and James Jr. and nephews Sean and James were very dear to her too. She had devoted friends anchored at her daughter's school, Sacred Heart School and at her parish, St. Gertrude Catholic Church, where she often climbed the pulpit stairs to preside or preach, especially on Good Friday. Her television ministry included co-hosting WTTW's "30 Good Minutes." She survived by all of the above, along with her aunt Lassie

Sellers, who along with her grandmother Aloia Adams, her parents Joyce and James Chatman, now deceased, and propelled her out of fourteen years of agnosticism. She also leaves behind her beloved cat Hope (they saved each other) and Faith, the cat who saved Ramona. Her remains will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, Delle asked that you spend quality time with Ramona. The Celebration of Delle Chatman's Life and Home-Going Mass will be held at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, 1420 W. Granville Ave. Chicago, IL, on Saturday, November 11, at 2:00pm.

PS

“ I just read of Delle's passing in the NCSA Alumni "Callboard". I knew Delle in the early 70's, when we were both students at the North Carolina School of the Arts. I admired her and (yes) I was a bit jealous of her talent and brains and beauty. At the time, our "group" were all mockers of God, certainly non-believers. Christ has transformed my life since then, so it made me cry for joy to know that He did the same for Delle! I wish I had known her after those college days, but I will read her books and remember that God made us sisters in a special way. My condolences to Ramona and the rest of the family. He is with you always, even to the end of the age....Penny Shilling (Penny Dennis, as Delle knew me)

Penny Dennis Shilling - March 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Delle was an inspiration to all who met her. My condolences go to all her family, especially Ramona. I especially enjoyed Delle's and Ramona's visit to my home in Texas a few years ago. Delle and I became friends when we both lived in California. She was a wonderful Christian woman.

Joan Sturkie - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Ramona, You are in my thoughts and prayers----always, with love, Mary Hagele

Mary Hagele - November 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Your spirit and guidance will be missed.

Bill, Demetra, Simone, and Semira - November 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Delle Aloia Chatman*

Annette Dwyer - November 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *My deepest condolences to Delle's family, especially Ramona. Delle was a talented and delightful woman.*

Kathleen Lamb - November 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Peace and rest, I am a friend of Valency who loves you dearly.*

alicia starr - November 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM