

# Eloise Schmalz's Prayer Journal

From Ruth, Eloise's daughter:

My mom and dad did not write down their testimonies per say that I am aware of.

I will say that my mom was just a living testimony....She has mountains of notes and journals that she has written over the years.... She was "no joke" when it came to prayer.... She made it a daily practice to fellowship with her Lord and Savior and her prayer lists were VERY specific. She had over the years structure her prayer..... Monday-Sunday and of course it was for a wide variety of people and topics ranging from our President, local government, state government, persecuted Christians, KTIS/MEC/MAPS/ECC/Hope/MFC/MCCL/AFA/LFT, Teen Challenge, Sunday School, Peers at work, husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors, brothers, Japanese Friends, MN Family council, Wilderness Fellowship, Church staff, pastors, missionaries all over, Billy Graham Ministry, Gifts of the Spirit, Revival, nieces, nephews, many friends and acquaintances and ad infinitum.

**There is a page written by Eloise from January 26, 1994 titled "Why I love God" :**

*I love Him because He first loved me and shows me how to love unselfishly (although, in my sinful body, it's hard to do perfectly).*

*He makes it possible for me to have a purpose in life, namely to live for Him, to strive to obey His commandments and to be an ambassador for Him. He gives me hope for eternal life. He has given me a lovely family, health, home and more than I would need for living.*

*I love Him because He's an ever-ready source of comfort, peace, encouragement and wisdom.....*

*I love Him because He answers my prayers and has worked many miracles in my life and the lives of my children.*

**Eloise was meditating on the Gospel of John...March 10, 1994...This is some of her journal entry/prayer as she went through some of the verses:**

*Precious Shepherd, so order my ways that I would constantly be aware of your leading and guiding - of your voice. I want to eat of your pasture of Words. Thank you Father, for the*



*abundant life you so richly provide*

*My small human mind cannot fathom the love you showed when you died for me and all people. I feel safe in your arms, Lord, the Good Shepherd*

*What an overwhelming feeling of joy comes over me when I realize that I am your own. Lord, I know you, but seek to know you better and better.*

*I think this is a mission statement...Father, grant that I would be your arm in the furtherance of your kingdom.*

*Thank you so much for the promise in V.28, that no one can snatch your sheep out of your hand. What a good feeling. Thank you for being a powerful and caring God!*

*Thank You for your lesson of humility...washing the disciples feet, and the ultimate act of humility...your death on the cross... so that I and all who believe, might live and thank you for the Holy Spirit who makes belief possible.*

*Thou Shepherd and lover of my soul, give me a great love for others, especially for the unloveable*

*Your steadfast love is beautiful..oh Lord, that you love me enough to lay down your life. Jesus use me as a bearer of the truth, the truth of your love for us!*

**A prayer journal by Eloise on April 22, 1999:**

*Father, thank you for showing yourself in such a mighty way all through the the old testament. Father, I want to find more of you by seeking you earnestly and with all my heart. I ask that you would be my healer, guide and guard, the lifter of my head. I pray that you would always live in my heart and direct my path.*

**A prayer journal by Eloise on September 26, 1999:**

*I am reading Jeremiah now. Some of the judgements that God sent on Israel and Judah because of their disobedience is being visited on our nation. Oh God, raise up intercessors to pray for our nation and its people! One truth that was brought out is...that God rules the rulers. It is He who gives and takes away. We are to be obedient to Him.*

**A prayer journal by Eloise on May 2, 2008:**

*Rev 2:20.....My Father, to have you knocking at the door of my heart is awesome and stunning. Lord, I want to grow in my love for you and service to you. When I am silent before your*

*holiness, my heart overflows with love for you and your goodness...Draw near to His heart. thank you my Jesus for the promise that if I draw near to You, You'll draw near to me....my desire is to have your presence near at all times*

***A prayer journal from May 15, 2008 after one of Eloise's Lino Lakes Sessions:***

*Jesus, your leading at this week's Lino Lakes session was so awesome and so hard to explain. You made the readings and Bible verses relevant to the whole lesson...the fact that you gave me the word "Listen" to write on the black board...pertaining to Isaiah 55:1-10...to giving the refinement and cleansing needed to make gold usable ....to the attentiveness of the 5 women...to pick out blessing..... day 34 of Sylvia Gunther's book to read to the women...Lord, it fit in perfectly...according to Your plan!!*

From Ruth, Eloise's daughter:

It is really hard to believe that my mother had her hand in so many things....Bible Study, singing, sewing, teaching piano and voice lessons, gardening, making homemade meals, playing organ for the church, volunteering, etc....we her children would have never known, because she was so present with us, always had time for us and even when we went astray,,,her arms were opened wide with unconditional love, encouragement and compassion..

My mom did make it upstairs to the event at Serenity...Actually I drove her around to the front so that she did not have to do the steps...very nice and she had a really nice time.