

FINDING A WIFE FOR MY BROTHER, TOM

While attending Medical School in Chicago, I attended Church at the Irving Park Free Methodist Church. I also taught Sunday School. One Sunday a new face appeared. I was introduced to Faye Allen, a nursing student from Alton, Illinois! She was rotating to Chicago for her Pediatric training. Both of us were invited by a family for Sunday dinner. I found out that Faye, like me, was born in Kentucky. Like my future wife, Martha Thomas, God had called her to be a missionary. Also, like Martha, she had graduated from Bible College and then began training as a nurse. I urged her to go on to Greenville College and get her BSc in Nursing. I also told her that I had a handsome brother, Thomas Riley, who planned to be a missionary, who was attending that College. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

At Greenville, Faye first got acquainted with my parents, and learned to love them; then she and Tom started dating. As I had hoped, Faye not only graduated with her BSc degree but also obtained her Mrs. Degree. They were married in 1960.

Now over 55 years later, I can say that Faye has been a wonderful Christian, family member, wife, mother, nurse, nursing instructor, Bible teacher, and missionary. In Swaziland, her quick diagnosis and decisions helped save a seventeen year boy who was stabbed through both sides of his heart. He was the first one, at that Hospital, to survive such a serious injury.

Having fulfilled God's purpose for her on this earth, she was very anxious to move on to her heavenly assignment. Her wish was finally granted on May 2, 2016.

She has finally conquered terrible suffering and is enjoying her eternal life.

BY TOM'S BROTHER, PAUL RILEY