

Louise Wagner Biography

I don't want to bore you with the details but briefly, I was born in Trenton, NJ. We lived in Trenton and Ewing Township until I was 13. And then there was a huge change in my life. Before this, it was just me and Jane, my sister. Then the move to Morrisville, PA, and my parents had two sons. I had to change schools, a new house, and 2 brothers. Needless to say, my world was rocked!.

What followed was pretty typical: high school, college, a job, 2 marriages, no children and 2 divorces. I taught in Bristol Township, PA, for 35 years. It was a great job. I loved teaching middle school. Never a dull moment. No two days in teaching are the same. I retired in 2006 and moved to Virginia in 2008. And this is where God and I began our personal relationship.

I was raised Catholic but left the church when I was 26. I never gave up on God but certainly gave up on church. In Virginia, I met my family. I was the nanny for 3 boys for 6 years. They are like my grandchildren. If you ask Heather, their mother, she will tell you it was through God that we met.

1. **Jeremiah 29:11** – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

I was looking for a church when a friend recommended the Episcopal Church, St. John the Evangelist in Roanoke. I loved it. They were very welcoming, and I became very involved. This is where I learned about Education for Ministry. (EFM) This class is for learning how to minister to others through spirituality. I will be glad to talk to you about this if you are interested. I took the first 2 years in Roanoke and when I moved to NJ, I finished at Christ Church in Toms River. As a side note, Lisa and Chip were priests there before I was there, and Lisa and I say God waited to put us together.

I knew I was going to attend Holy Spirit because I found it online and was immediately attracted to this church. I promised God I would work for Him through Holy Spirit Church. It has been the highlight of my new life. I love this Church and everyone I have met. I have always been active here. Mother Martha was very encouraging. The ladies of ECW were so terrific to me. I enjoyed being the President of the ECW. Being on the altar and mentoring bible study are truly an honor. Being the senior warden of the vestry is a big responsibility, which I take very seriously.

In conclusion, I would say that my life in Little Egg Harbor and as a member of Holy Spirit and as Rosie's mom is the best life I could have ever asked for. The friends I have made here are the joy of my life. God has treated me well, and I try to be worthy.

1. **Proverbs 3:5-6** – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”