

Talented mother gives from her heart

Eugenie Villanueva Landry is a devout Roman Catholic, a member in the congregation of St. Mark Church, Stouffville.

And it matters. She's also been an active participant in several Whitchurch-Stouffville Protestant churches, including Wesley United near Gormley. It doesn't matter.

This talented 56-year-old mother of one gives from the heart regardless of denomination.

"I've always believed everyone's deserving of respect regardless of religion," she says. "Some of our traditions may differ, but we all worship the same God."

Eugenie has enthusiastically put her principles into practice, serving as choir director at both St. Mark and Wesley. Last month, however, she abandoned these roles to assume a similar position at Church of



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

the Good Shepherd, Thornhill.

But locally, all isn't lost. She'll continue her associations here, only in different capacities.

A native of Singapore and the daughter of gifted parents, Eugenie immigrated to Canada in 1981. Although educated in her native country where her father served as a university professor, she maintained the desire to establish a new

life in a new land, a decision of which she's never been sorry. Her link with Singapore remains, however. One brother and one sister still live there. A second sister resides in Orangeville.

Eugenie admits it was Stouffville's Country Market that attracted her to town. Although living in North York, she leased a booth here where she displayed yet another talent, flowers made from bread dough. The uniqueness of the exhibit attracted much attention. Five years later, she moved to a property near Hwy. 48 and Aurora Road.

It's with mixed emotions Eugenie has given up leadership of a St. Mark choral group known as 'Voices of Glory'. With membership ranging in age from eight to 60, this choir has participated not only at 9 a.m. Mass but also candlelight memorials at the O'Neill Funeral Home; the Straw-

berry Festival; seniors residences and Christmas pageants. Singularly, Eugenie has given generously of her time at Stouffville Creek, Bloomington Cove, Parkview Home and Buckingham Manor. For the past six years, she's also played for the processional at Stouffville's Student Music Scholarship Concert.

Despite her new responsibilities at Church of the Good Shepherd, Eugenie will continue to serve as a co-director of the weekly Share the Music program at Wesley. She will also assist with the Christmas pageant at St. Mark.

In addition to organ and piano, Eugenie is an accomplished guitarist. She's also utilized her vocal talent at countless weddings and funerals.

No conversation with Eugenie is complete without involving daughter Kiana, the love of her life. A Grade 9 student enrolled in

the York Regional Arts Program at St. Elizabeth Catholic High School, Thornhill, Kiana, 14, has inherited a musical talent celebrated by her mother. She was the recipient of St. Brendan's vocalist of the year award in addition to a community service medal. She currently sings in the Church of the Good Shepherd choir.

"I'm so proud," Eugenie enthuses.

Although now spending much of her time in new surroundings, Eugenie gives no thought to leaving town.

"My roots run deep in Stouffville and that will never change," she promises. "Home is where the heart is."

Millions of miles

After 53 years behind the wheel of a big Mack, Stouffville's Milne Stouffer has retired. But not before receiving an engraved gold

watch and dinner courtesy of G.M. Smith & Co., Leslie Street and Hwy. 400 with whom he's been employed more than 50 years.

Trips, covering millions of miles, have taken him across Canada many times as well as areas of Northern Ontario.

"It's been a long ride," he says.

Male fashion show

It's a fashion show with a difference. All models will be male.

This weird and wonderful event, under the provocation of Rev. Bill Fritz, will take place Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at Lemonville United Church, 13523 McCowan Rd.

Participants will include Mayor Justin Altmann, Arthur Crichley, Don Miller, Don Reesor, David Rea, Bob Curgenvin, Elliot Wallis, John Duffield, Allan Hodgson and David McMullen.



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