



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice



PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Maureen Rawlings

6 October 1945 – 4 March 2023

Major Maureen Rawlings was Promoted to Glory 4th March 2023. Maureen, aged 77 years, entered her eternal reward after faithfully serving as an officer for 54 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

*The Master said to Maureen 'Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful Enter into the joy of your master.'* Matthew 25:23

Our love and prayers along with our heartfelt sympathy covers and surrounds Major Belinda and David Davis, Natalie and Carl Roddam, Major Angela Rawlings, Major Margaret Garratt (sister), all the grandchildren, and her dog Benny.

Maureen Joy Garratt was born on 6th October 1945 in Burra, South Australia, to Wilfred & Ruth completing the family with her older sister, Margaret. Maureen's Salvation Army life commenced with her dedication to God within a few weeks of her birth. In her late teens she attended the Teachers College and trained as an Infant School Teacher which was a vocation she loved.

Maureen married Daryl Rawlings on 3rd September 1966 and lived in the beautiful suburb of Glenelg. With their first child Belinda, they left Colonel Light Gardens corps and entered the 'Evangelists' session in the Training College on the 12th March 1968. Here they made close, lifelong friendships and added Natalie to the family also. Following their commissioning on 10th January 1970, Maureen and Daryl, along with Belinda and Natalie, were appointed to Benalla Corps in Victoria where Angela completed the family in the following year.

Maureen and Daryl had many corps appointments during the years 1970-1984 including, Seymour (Vic), Wangaratta (Vic), Geraldton (WA), Medina (WA), Swan View (WA), Sunshine (Vic), Fairfield (Vic) and Macleod (Vic). In 1985 Maureen and Daryl were given Territorial appointments where she joined the THQ Youth Department. In 1988 Maureen and Daryl were appointed as Divisional Youth Secretaries in Tasmania Division, with Maureen also holding the appointment of Divisional Guard Organiser. In 1992 Maureen and Daryl were appointed back to corps ministry at Briar Hill (Vic).

1995 saw Maureen and Daryl heading to Western Australia where they again held separate appointments. In the 10 years of service there Maureen held two appointments. Firstly, as Associate Court Welfare Officer and then, in 1999, as Divisional Information Technology Support Co-ordinator. In 2005 Maureen and Daryl were again on the move interstate to South Australia, which gave opportunity to be closer to family. Maureen's appointments in South Australia were as Divisional Women's Ministries Secretary (2005-2008), Campbelltown Corps Officer (2009) and Divisional Research Assistant (2010).

One of Maureen's gifts that she dedicated to God's glory was her musical abilities, and of note her piano playing. This gift has been utilised throughout her officership in assisting and supporting worship at Officers Councils, Divisional Meetings, Songsters, Weddings, Funerals and Worship services.

Maureen entered retirement in May 2010 with Daryl joining her a year later. In retirement Maureen and Daryl thoroughly enjoyed life in their home in Mt Barker (SA), having daily coffees with friends at the many coffee shops in town. Maureen also continued to use her creative skills through quilting and preparing her handmade Christmas cards. Maureen, along with Daryl, worshipped together at Mt Barker Corps. They participated in the life of the corps by holding various corps leadership roles and by supporting worship. After Daryl's Promotion to Glory in 2014 Maureen continued to faithfully serve God through her retirement activities and local corps.

A Funeral Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration of Maureen's life will be held on:

Date: Thursday 9 March
Time: 1.30pm (SA time)
Location: Marion Corps
155 Sturt Road,
Seacombe Gardens, SA

The Live Streaming Link for Maureen's service can be found on the Ingle Farm Corps' Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/inglefarmsalvos/>

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