

ISOBEL IRENE WORGAN

1925-2010



Sister Isobel Worgan 1925-2010

How can anyone sum up a lifetime of service in a matter of a few lines? But that is what I am asked to do in relation to Sister Isobel Worgan. I feel inadequate, but will try to meet the request.

Isobel Irene Slater was born on the 24th January, 1925, in Portknockie near Buckie, Scotland. She was the youngest of 12 children, 7 girls and 5 boys. She attended the local school, and on leaving school began a career in the banking world, where she achieved the position as head teller. She enjoyed outdoor sports, and excelled at tennis.

She met the man who was to be her husband in 1941 when Brother Frank Worgan went to Portknockie as a young evangelist and the first person to be baptised into Christ was Isobel.

They were married in 1944 (February 5th) and Brother Albert Winstanley was their best man, with Sister Ruth Coles (Isobel's sister) as bridesmaid. Brother Walter Crosthwaite performed the marriage ceremony. From then on, Isobel's life was spent in serving in the Kingdom and aiding and encouraging Brother Frank in his ministry.

Their marriage was blessed with three children. Peter, born in Prestonpans, Scotland, Susan born in Hindley, Lancs., and Stephen, born in Haarlem, Holland, which reveals somewhat of their ministry in various places.

Whilst we almost always recognise the work of Evangelists in the Church, so often we fail to appreciate the role of their wives who support them in their ministry. Isobel was a source of strength alongside Frank. Her home was a place of refuge, and many can recall their brief or longer stay in their home. Her culinary skills and kind words were always for the benefit of her guests.



Her life revolved around the Christ and His Kingdom. She truly followed the admonition to “Seek first the Kingdom of God” and she was involved wherever she lived, in the teaching of children and ladies’ classes. Many can testify (the writer included) to her kind words and loving criticism when it was needful.

She had an inner beauty that was evident in all that she did, and an inner strength that carried her through difficult times, which only those close to her were aware of.

Isobel passed from this life on February 17th after a number of years of physical and mental problems. The family had been exemplary in their care and devotion and Frank especially had been a pillar of strength, with his loving care and untiring devotion. It speaks volumes to say that she was at home until just a few days prior to her death.

Her funeral service was held at the Corby Church building, where many whose lives had been touched by this gracious lady, gathered to pay their last respects. Brother Michael Gaunt (the writer) was privileged to speak at the service, which was followed by a short service at the Kettering Crematorium.

The highest commendation given then and now is, that Isobel brought to reality the godly woman of Proverbs 31, and we thank God for Christian womanhood, seen at its best in her life.

We commend Frank and her family to the God of all comfort, and look forward to that day when there will be no more goodbyes.

Truly a mother in Israel has gone to her reward.

Michael Gaunt