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Former Abortion Nurse Turned Pro-Lifer Joan Appleton Passes Away

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We at Pro-Life Action Ministries are deeply saddened to announce that Joan Appleton, RN, longtime employee and friend of Pro-Life Action Ministries, died yesterday.

A former abortion worker, Joan came to work at Pro-Life Action Ministries in January 1993. She held various positions with the ministry, the most significant was to create and lead the Society of Centurions of America. This powerful outreach to former abortion workers focused on three areas of help: spiritual healing, psychological counseling and financial aid.



The Centurions program helped many leave the abortion industry at a time when few in the pro-life movement knew of such efforts and helped many former abortion workers come to proper terms with their prior work. While at Pro-Life Action Ministries, Joan spoke on behalf of the unborn nationally and internationally. Joan retired from Pro-Life Action Ministries in August 2002. After her retirement she continued to volunteer on a weekly basis at our main office.

Joan graduated from Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Massachusetts. She worked as a hospital nurse for 10 years and then was charge nurse of a head injury unit in Virginia.

Joan worked as the head nurse of Commonwealth Women's Clinic in Falls Church, VA from 1984-1989, a Washington, D.C. area abortion facility. While at Commonwealth Women's Clinic, Joan was a leader of a chapter of the National Organization for Women. After converting to the pro-life cause, Joan came back to her Christian roots, reconciling with God and becoming an active Christian. Her autobiography, "Raising Cecelia" tells the story of her conversion.

Joan was a dear friend, a powerful advocate for the unborn and someone who sought to help those leaving the abortion industry with the love of Christ. May she rest in eternal peace and may her unceasing prayers before God aid in a quick end to abortion.

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Joan Appleton, RN
Born February 18, 1948
Born to Eternal Life August 20, 2012

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