

## MEMORIES OF GINGER HUFFMAN

About ten years ago Ginger Huffman came to East Tennessee with Howard Raines. Howard is a member of the Bonnyman Detachment 924 and convinced Ginger to become a member of the MCLA. She was a bit apprehensive at first but eventually found she did belong. So much so that she was elected treasurer and held that position for several years.

Ginger was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2004 and fought and won all the battles until 2019. SHE BEAT CANCER! She enjoyed every friend she made and every minute of her life with those friends and her family. After fighting the battles with cancer at Thompson Cancer Survivors Center it got very hard for her. She ask us to call the Hospice. She left us to meet her Savior July 25, 2019.



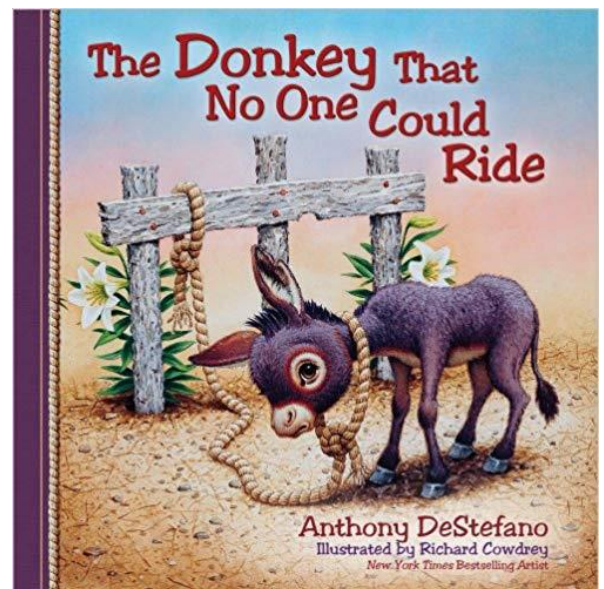
While at Thompson we met Shila Newman. She is a nurse there and became very close to Ginger. Shila has 4 year old son, Hudson. Ginger found a book that she knew Hudson would like and ordered it. The title, The Donkey That No One Could Ride. It is a story about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Shila and Hudson read it together. Now Hudson reads it by himself. Shila liked it so much she took it to her Sunday school class to share and she told me she wanted to get more for the class.

After Ginger left us the Ladies of the Bonnyman Auxiliary wanted to do something in her memory. I thought it may be small and thoughtful, but the end result was overwhelming. When they called and asked what I would like to do for her I immediately thought of Shila and the book. I ask her if she had ordered any of the books. She told me no. I knew what to do, get these books for the Sunday school. The author had written numerous books of same theme. I found them scattered all over the web for various prices.

Then I found a connection to the author, Mr. Anthony DeStefano. I decided to write him. I told him about Ginger and the MCLA wanting to memorialize her. I explained my dilemma with finding all the books from one source. The e-mail went out about suppertime on Monday.

I didn't really expect an answer from him. On Thursday afternoon I discovered 2 boxes in my garage. I hadn't ordered anything. I opened the first box... BOOKS! I opened the other box... more BOOKS! No bill, no list of contents. JUST BOOKS! I told Mr. DeStefano I wanted to put about 6 of each one of his books into Shila's Sunday school. This would be one for each child or one

for every two children if the need would arise and we hoped it would. There was 12 of 7 titles and 10 of the other one. I was afraid I would receive a bill and would be digging for cash. I was happy enough though to shed some tears. I did not know what to think. A miracle in MY kitchen.



FRIDAY..... I opened my E-mail to find an answer from Mr. DeStefano.

*Dear Mr. Raines*

*Thanks for your kind and moving email. I'll take care of this request, in memory of Ginger. No need to pay anything. I'll send out these books next week.*

*Semper Fi!*

*God Bless You!*

*Anthony*

Now we have money in the MCLA for "In memory of Ginger". They ask me what to do with it. My response was, "Just hang on to it. There will be something come up where someone need help."

**God Bless the MCL#924, the MCLA and Mr. Anthony DeStefano for caring for Ginger Huffman.**

P.S. In every book there is a badge on the first page that reads, *Given to the Glory of God in memory of Ginger Huffman from MCL and MCLA.* Her memory will live on in children's eyes.

