In honor of Lorene Harling

By Joan Rudolph

Our Friendship began when Lorene was looking for help with the Holiday Fair. A longtime parishioner, Gert Lowry suggested that Lorene reach out to me. Gert said "you get one Rudolph you get the whole family." Gert was right. Lorene asked and I said "Yes, how long will you need me on the committee?" Lorene's response was, "once you're in you're in for life!" She was correct. I am thankful to have worked with her even, occasionally butting heads when we disagreed. Thank you Sandy for being our buffer. However, it was a life cut short and I will miss her in the days going forward. In honor of Lorene's dedication to St. John's, The Fair Must Go On! Lorene’s grandsons were active as altar servers. She cherished, disciplined and shaped them into fine young men. Under her supervision the boys worked tirelessly in the weeklong process of Holiday Fair set up. Lorene was also an active participant of every church event. She was a star when it was time to sell the 50/50 raffle tickets, always bringing in the money to support St. John's. Not only did Lorene give of her time and energy but also donations and gifts to St. John's and never wanted any acknowledgment of thanks.

Lorene was the most giving and generous person I knew. She was always thinking of others. Her love and dedication to her family was obvious to all who knew her. I'm glad I was able to be part of her life, even just a small part. She will be truly missed. Thank you to her family for letting her be a part of us...Her Church Family. Until we meet again Lorene, may you be at peace my friend, you are God's co-chair now!