

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH, INC.

In Loving Memory of Geri Rowe (2019)

Geri was a stalwart sister in Christ and participant in all efforts to reach out to hurting and disenfranchised people in the name of Jesus. For the last several years, she worked with those who minister to the homeless in both The Homeless Outreach, Inc. and Crusade of Mercy, and she always worked with a willing heart and a loving and cheerful demeanor.

Although on a walker or with a cane, she was not deterred from helping at any event that reached out to the homeless. Each time we had an event, I would hear from Geri and always, if there was any way possible for her to be there her message was a positive, "yes, I will be there to help."

Her goal was to be part of every event that was held, and she was always there early already sorting through clothing and helping with setup while others were just beginning to arrive. Behind-the-scenes preparation such as packing school supplies for our back-to-school outreaches or wrapping Christmas gifts were always on her radar, and her tireless service, even in the midst of physical infirmity was heartwarming and uplifting to her fellow volunteers.

Because she worked through so many challenges to be there and give of her best to those in need no matter how incapacitated she was, when she could no longer participate due to her physical condition, I realized the depth of her incapacitation. When she talked to me, it was never to complain about the state of her health, but always to express regret that she could not reach out the way she wanted to do to be a blessing to the very needy souls around her.

Even when physically unable to participate, her prayers went forth for the ministry, and she shared financially in whatever way that she could.

In prayers or in service, her focus in supplications was always those whom others had forgotten, such as those in mental institutions, those on the street, in shelters or in juvenile detention homes.

Our ministry would not have been the same without the caring and loving influence of this strong and loving woman of faith, Geri Rowe.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Geri on this earth, but with gladness, we know that she is now out of her pain and has come into her eternal reward.

We commend her into the hands of her loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

