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Moment Ministries
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A LADY NAMED LUPE



This painting has been spot-lighted during many Christmas seasons at the Old World Deli and Pub, as well as at our Christmas Eve services since 1985.

It depicts some real life local people portraying the holy birth. The two wearing white garments are Bardon and Lupe Maginnis. I took this at the Deli the morning Lupe's obituary appeared on the front page of the Corvallis paper.

My history with Bardon goes back to a time when we were neighbors on Airport Avenue.

My history with Lupe goes back 28 years ago to a time when I did their marriage service at their home on the Mary's River. Although my Spanish language skills pretty much ended in high school I remember that some part of the service was done in Spanish and transmitted by phone to family members unable to attend the wedding.

Lupe was born in California but a full-time citizen of every community in which she lived. I will not attempt to list all the causes and organizations she served and advocated for, nor will I attempt to name all the community service awards she received. The fact that her death notice and life accomplishments were on the front page of the paper says it all. (Of course making the front page of the Blue Sheet says something too!)

The spirit- roots of her life came from family and faith. She was evangelical in the best sense, making the living out of a Christ-like life in the face of basic human need her personal agenda.

Lupe's presence at our Moment events brightened the whole group. One e-mail comment said what many would agree with:

My wife Julie was taken with Lupe's kindness and overall warm personality when she met her for the first time at a party at your house a few years ago. They only spoke once or twice after that but Lupe really stuck out in Julie's list of good souls.

Her passion for causes was infectious.

We were proud to have Lupe as one of our Directors. Although we haven't had a Director's meeting in 34 years, I think she was glad to be one. If Moment Ministries had been a real church, with committees and projects and all, she would have been a star member.

Our gift to her and numerous others who have shared in Moment Ministries through the years is that we did not take one minute away from her personal service to needs of her own choosing, from her own "moment ministering."

If you want to see what Christ-presence looks like in the world, look at a lady named Lupe.

— Art Morgan, April 11, 2013

NOTE TO LOCAL PEOPLE: Memorial for Lupe Maginnis, Corvallis Evangelical Church, April 13, 11:00 a.m.