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Subject: Message from the Mannix's

Dear Watford Town family

Today, (Friday 17th April) we were able to lay my mum to rest under a huge Oak tree at the North Watford Cemetery. This time has been bittersweet for our family; bitter, because we lost our mum, but through this time we were able to see the loving hand of God. On the day before mum died, she clearly gave us council, she told us how much she loved us all and how thankful to God she was for her family. This was in the height of COVID, with the hospital being shut to visitors and yet our whole family sat around mums' bed as she prayed for us and then informed Father God she wanted to sleep in Him now.... and that is exactly what she did! She went to sleep and will wake up to see the face of Jesus. Seeing my mum die as she lived was and will continue to be her greatest testimony.

All of you have shown your love through the distant hugs and well wishes. Your words of support through text messages and phone messages have all been listened to, read and some re-read. Thank you to you all for your outpouring of love and appreciation of mum. Once we have successfully cleared this COVID crisis and are able to fellowship again safely, we will be having a Thanksgiving Service to thank God for her and celebrate the life of Mum, she would have wanted you all there and you are all welcomed!

Some of you so kindly wanted to send flowers (mum loved her flowers and plants) but the cemetery is closed so we would not have been able to appreciate them. However, many of you knew about mum's passion for helping people less fortunate than her and one of her projects was a senior citizens home in Antigua where she would regularly go and care for the residents and provide them with basic necessities. Our family are going to continue this by committing to support this project. If you would like to donate, please let me (Deborah) know either through contacting me directly or speaking to Caroline.

Church family, my mum was excited to see Jesus - death did not scare her at all. We are living in a very strange time, but we have nothing to fear... our hope is Jesus Christ!

I know my mum will be looking for all of us in heaven, she will hug you and squeeze us all.

Thank you for your love and support during this time.

much love

Deborah x