

## **The Ascension of Rev. Amelia LeBer**

Our dear friend and sister Universal Brotherhood minister, Amelia LeBer, born on May 11, 1928, made her glorious transition into Spirit on January 16th, 2006. Amelia and I had a special connection in that we were both ordained on the same day by Reverends Rick Prigmore and Gregory Possman in Ocean Grove, NJ. We both attended the same spiritual service at Angel Joan Fericy's Church of Divine Light in Somerset, NJ and were members of the New Hope Channelers Support Group held at Pebble Hill Church in Doylestown, PA.

Though Amelia was old enough to be my grandmother or auntie we were more like Sisters because we were Light Workers on the same path of healing and service to humankind..

A humble servant of God and devotee of Mother Mary, Amelia was way ahead of her time as a holistic healer. She was a New Age nurse doing therapeutic touch and hands on healing in hospice care and other medical settings before it became fashionable. She was a pioneer of natural health care along with her husband, Mark LeBer, a holistic physician, when they lived on a farm in western Canada and happily attended to their local community. After Amelia was divorced and living in Basking Ridge, NJ, she spent many happy days attending holistic workshops at Life Spectrums where she learned Reiki and other holistic modalities.

I met Amelia later in her life at Joan Fericy's Church and we spent many happy evenings driving together to Pebble Hill Church to hear monthly speakers of the New Hope Metaphysical Society. She would sleep over my apartment after the meeting and we'd have a blast in the morning as we brunched together. Then we would do Spirit work. Amelia would say the rosary and I'd chant Sanskrit mantras or the Guru Gita. Mother Mary came to Amelia in a meditation and asked her specially to chant the Catholic rosary every day to help with the earth's healing and all our brothers and sisters on the planet. Amelia did this task faithfully and humbly.

Amelia lived with her niece, Diane, for several years, and the three of us drove down to Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Atlanta together for the 2002 UB conference in August where we had a joyous time with Rick, Jeni, Carola Van Dusen, Mireille, and all the rest of our many friends.

Amelia had health challenges the last few years of her life, but I rarely heard her speak of them except in retrospect. I did not even know she had cancer which saddens me because I would have loved to give her spiritual support, holistic massage, or just to be there as a caring friend. I lost touch with Amelia the last few months of her life, and I am sorry now because I cannot get those moments back, but I know she is eternal and her kind, loving Spirit lives on. She even came to me during a psychic reading I had in August to let me know she was around and she was happy on the other side where there is no sickness, pain, or death.

I will always love you, Amelia.

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