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Oleen Eagle, Former Network President Leaves A Legacy of Integrity

PITTSBURGH, PA – Oleen Eagle, President Emeritus of Cornerstone TeleVision Network WPCB-TV 40, was known for her profound faith and impeccable integrity. Oleen passed away on December 2, 2007, due to complications from pancreatic cancer. She was 77 years old.

A few days before she went “home,” she confidently said, “I’m ready for my hallelujah ride!”

Oleen became President of Cornerstone TeleVision in January of 1994, and in 2000 was President and CEO until her retirement in 2003. She served as part of the executive management team since the station was established in 1976. Oleen was the first employee of Cornerstone Television, hired by founder, Russ Bixler. She was responsible for developing the foundational mission and management system of the award-winning television ministry.

Prior to her leadership role at Cornerstone, Oleen worked in the fashion industry for 17 years.

“The fashion experience was the training ground for the purpose God had for me in television. I gained valuable experience in production, staging and management. In the process, my character was being forged in the fire. And when the time was right, the doors were opened for ministry. Life is such an adventure when we allow God to orchestrate our steps,” she said.

At a time when Cornerstone urgently needed the funds to convert its television stations to the government mandated digital technology, Oleen and the Cornerstone board of directors boldly walked away from the deal and \$17.5 million dollars because it would have had adverse effects to broadcasting Christian programming.

Oleen refused to limit the mission of Cornerstone Television by accepting the license granted by the FCC because the new guidelines would “jeopardize our ability to carry out our mission,” stated Oleen. She would never do anything that she felt would compromise the gospel of Jesus Christ – even if it meant walking away from the vitally needed \$17.5 million dollars.

This was the nexus of Oleen’s life – NEVER compromise the gospel.

Oleen is survived by her husband, Ted Eagle; her sister and brother-in-law Theresa and Jack Skeba; her nephew and niece, David and Mary Anne Skeba; and other nephews and nieces.

There will not be a public viewing. A special memorial service will be open to the public at Monroeville Assembly of God Church in Monroeville, PA on Saturday, December 15 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, monetary gifts can be made payable to the **Eagle Family Trust** to assist with expenses. A portion of the gifts will be given to the ministry closest to Oleen’s heart. Cards and gifts can be sent to: Eagle Family Trust, c/o David Skeba, 2911 McClure St., White Oak, PA 15131.