



After graduating from Liberty, Eloise furthered her education by attending Abington Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Abington, PA. Graduating in 1964, she remained at Abington for six years, working in Medical-Surgical Nursing as a team leader and assistant head nurse. She also attended (did not graduate) the Philadelphia College of the Bible evening school.

During the late 1960's, Eloise was looking for something different in nursing; something that would provide her with new experiences and challenges. After some serious thought, she decided to become a nurse-midwife and assist women in every aspect of their pregnancy. European countries seemed to

have better opportunities for midwifery so she applied for, and received, her nursing license in England and Wales. Unfortunately, things did not work out as planned.

In 1970, Eloise moved to Monte Vista, Colorado to work at the Baptist Health Center, a church sponsored outpatient mission health clinic that provided health care to low income Mexican-Americans. Specializing in obstetrics/gynecology and pediatric nursing, she saw patients both in the clinic and home setting.

Regardless of where Eloise lived, she always sought opportunities to become active in the local community church and Monte Vista was no different. At a church gathering, she met Leroy Qualey (Pete), a tall, handsome cowboy who, with his mother, owned a sheep ranch in South Fork, Colorado. It may not have been "love at first sight" but love it was and they married in 1972. Pete proudly served his country for 15 years as a commissioned officer in the Army National Guard's elite Special Forces.



Shortly thereafter, Eloise and Pete moved to Denver, where Pete became a partner in a business that built housing foundations and Eloise worked as an RN at the Denver General Hospital OB/Gyn clinic. This was around the time the United States Supreme Court ruled that

abortion was legal, and it was being performed at the hospital. Although Eloise was not an anti-abortion activist, she could not morally participate in preparing women to have an abortion. She left her job at Denver General and in 1973, was hired by St. Anthony's Hospital as an RN in their post coronary care unit.

In the mid 1970's, the economy and housing market in Denver was declining, including Pete's foundation business. To make ends meet he took a job with a local company driving a truck. Toward the end of 1976, Eloise and Pete decided to move to Mobile, Alabama, an area where more job opportunities existed. Pete found a job as a mechanic and truck driver for a pipeline construction company. He also attended school to become a certified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) technician. Eloise accepted a job as director of nursing for a small home health agency. The agency was growing quite rapidly and Eloise, not wanting to add more demands on her life, stepped down from her job and accepted a less stressful position.

Things were going well for Eloise and Pete. Both had respectable and secure employment which provided them with a positive future; however, a catastrophic event altered their way of life. In 1984, while working for a pipeline construction company, Pete was electrocuted, resulting in the amputation of his right great toe and multiple burns. Although he miraculously survived, he was unemployed and on workman's compensation for two years.

In 1985, Eloise accepted a job as a home health nurse for Kimberly-Quality Care. This led her to becoming the Assistant Director of Nursing of the Medicare/Medicaid division. Due to internal problems, Eloise stepped down from her management position, but continued to work as a field nurse on a contract basis.

In 1992, Eloise, along with other members of her church, took a ten day mission trip to Siberia. Although this was not a "medical" mission trip, it provided them with the opportunity to visit post-communist historic places in Red Square and to interact with the Russian people. Three years later, Eloise did participate in a medical mission trip to Ghana, West Africa. She, along with two physicians and other nurses, saw patients in several government clinics and established a new clinic to serve five villages that had no medical help.

After years of practicing clinical and administrative nursing, Eloise altered her path and joined Respiratory Testing Services, a company that measured how well people with breathing problems move air into their lungs and body. The company also hired Pete to drive their semi truck containing x-ray and pulmonary function testing equipment. Together they traveled around the country, testing people who worked in the steel and shipbuilding industries for asbestosis and silicosis. After two years, Pete retired and Eloise worked as an office nurse for the American Wellness Center, a pain management clinic.

Eloise retired from nursing in 2003. She and Pete intended to move near Tulsa, Oklahoma to be close to their two daughters and grandchildren. That all changed when Pete was diagnosed with a cyst on his brain which required surgical intervention. The lengthy recovery period forced them to remain in Mobile for another three years.



In 2006, Eloise and Pete moved to Verdigris, Oklahoma, a town in the Tulsa metropolitan area. Their oldest daughter, Rebekah (Coder), graduated from Oral Roberts University in 1997 and is involved with the family business, Coder Properties. Their youngest daughter, Leah (Keltner), attended Mobile University for a short period of time, but left to attend a five month missionary training program (Youth With A Mission) in Hawaii. A graduate of the Rhema Bible Training Center, Leah assists her husband with their family business, Concrete Solutions.

Travel has not been a big part of Eloise's life. She, Pete, and the children have journeyed to various states, but the focal point of their lives was their family, church, and christian faith. They were members of a conservative Christian church in Mobile and Pete drove the church bus. Some of his passengers were inner city children and their families who had many unmet needs. Eloise and Pete taught them how to set goals, trust and improve their quality of life.

As Eloise and Pete get older, they continue to be part of their children's and grandchildren's lives, continue to help as many people as they can, continue to treat others with love and respect, continue to share their faith, and continue to live their Christian life.