

## Terry Nuttle

### Memories of Don and Jo Brunk and Terry Nuttle

I moved to Jackson in 1978 with the dream of opening a Christian bookstore. My husband was looking for a full-time ministry position which he got with Don Landis of community Bible Church. By 1980 I was able to buy the small Christian bookstore with loans from friends and family. It was located upstairs in the cache Creek square in part of the gifts of the earth.

Eventually I went through a divorce, losing my housing and most of my possessions. Don and Joe Brunk became aware of my situation and found me a place to live with a friend of theirs, Connie Goodell.

Having no income Don offered to buy the store for me and paid my salary for three years. He and Joe wanted to have a cottage look so he found a building across the street from the Episcopal Chapel which he rented to have that look. He and Joe put money into dental work, makeup, and hair styling to make me more beautiful and have more self-esteem. After three years Don offered me an opportunity to buy the store back which I did.

Eventually the building was put up for sale and the Lord provided a place across from the visitor center as a new location. He and Joe always checked in on me to make sure I was doing okay or to make purchases, or to go to lunch. He was truly a godsend. He gave me a new start in life. I had the store for 35 years when a serious health issue made me close in 2015.

Being a tourist town, the ministry of the bookstore went worldwide. After the store closed the remainder inventory was sent to a person in Houston Texas where prisoners had access to cards to send to their families, books and Bibles to learn from, and a lending library for the inmates. We will never know how God used all this in people's lives, but praise him for the opportunity to be used for his plan in people's lives.