

BORN TO WORK WITH SPIRIT

Louise Gebhart was a child medium. She had tea parties chatting with her dolls and the many spirit friends that she could see clearly around her. Her mother thought she was talking to empty chairs, but they weren't empty at all. Being sensitive to spirit usually runs in the family, and Louise had the good fortune of having a Celtic-Welsh heritage on the mother's side and an aboriginal heritage through her father's side. Her first Native Spirit Guide was named *Straight As An Arrow*. He said to her "You will fly straight as an arrow" and that is just what she did.

There were many influences that guided Louise along a spiritual path that led her to work with spirit. Louise's parents were not church goers, but the family did not discourage her from attending traditional churches. She went to Bible study camp with the Baptist family next door, and the Baptist teen-youth groups really impacted her with devotion and faith. Her Celtic grandmother, an aunt and her Dad's stepmother were Roman Catholic, so she also attended that church. Communion and rituals such as the mass, the image of Christ on the Cross and Christ's teachings made a huge impression on her. Talk of the Divine Power of God impressed her, and she always felt close to God and this divine power. Her devotional life was enriched by the wonderful old hymns and new sacred songs of the 50's in church services offered over the radio air waves. These songs hit Louise at a soul level.

Louise considered her mom absolutely wonderful. Her mother celebrated almost everything, and she never discouraged Louise from trying anything. Her Celtic grandmother was very superstitious and was sure to throw salt over her shoulder to avoid bad luck. This business of luck and superstition made Louise very curious about those elements that we do not see. Louise says, "I was always an energy person, very sensitive to those energies perceived beyond our normal senses". Her mother said she had a '*knowing*' and could always console people.

Louise had a connection to the Spirit World and did 'psychic readings' all her life although not in a formal sense. Working more purposefully and professionally with Spirit would come later. As a young mother she focused her attention on raising her two children. Because she had become the first in her family to graduate with a higher education, Louise was able to help support her growing family with a career as a library assistant. It was after her retirement that she began to work with Spirit in earnest.

Louise helps earthbound souls to cross over into the light. She also does energy clearing which is the art of removing negative energies from homes, land and places such as accident sites. She knows that she is protected from darker energies just by the fact of her native background and her own high level of spirituality. More recently, soul rescue has progressed to raising the vibrations of the souls who want to evolve into a higher vibrational energy. She gives healing, comfort and guidance through her gift of mediumship. Louise believes God helps her do this work and achieve whatever she wants to achieve.

As in all religions, Spiritualism is based on high-minded principles and spiritual practice. The corner stone of Spiritualism is ethical mediumship & ethical healing and CFSC has been blessed with a long association with Louise Gebhart and appreciates all her volunteer work as a teacher, healer, mentor and medium.