

## **POSITION: Literary Companion**

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**POSITION:** Literary Companion for Miss Ethel ... Ideal job-sharing opportunity. Two positions available.

**PURPOSE:** Engage and interact with Miss Ethel, a 90 year old retired teacher, using suggested methods listed on page 2.

**SCHEDULE:** Morning hours, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, Monday through Saturday. Total 18 hours per week, divided between two people willing to cover each other ... 3 hours per day, 6 days per week. Would be compensated during trial period to see if this position is a fit.

**LOCATION:** Residential.

**SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

Experienced caregiver who has been with us for five years would be visibly present, but freed up for other responsibilities. Miss Ethel's daughter, who has an online business working from an office in the back of the residence, and who provides 24-7 coverage for her mother, would also be available.

Would be able to function independently, but in a team environment, knowing that support is immediately available to assist. Would need to be flexible, knowing that activities for the day could be pre-empted by hospice staff visits.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Excellent communication skills. Leadership qualities with quiet, calm, strong presence. Experience with home schooling or previous teaching experience would be helpful, but not required. Appreciation of good literature and sacred music, especially the poetry and theology of four-part hymns. Understanding and respect for HIPAA, the healthcare privacy law. Both female and male genders would be very well-received by Miss Ethel.

**REFERENCES:** References required.

You and Miss Ethel would make selections from the following list as to how to spend your time together each day. Examples which follow are not exclusive of other related activities.

- READING: Miss Ethel was a teacher and she *loves* to read aloud.  
...She reads to you.  
...She reads one verse and you read the next.  
...Unison reading.  
...Etc.
- MUSIC:  
...Sing *a cappella* from the old hymn books or, *ideally*, use piano or other instrument for accompaniment.  
...In unison, simply read together the words from the old hymn books as poetry.  
...Listen to gospel music on videos and DVD's.
- PHOTO ALBUMS, MEMORY JOURNALS, DIARIES & FAMILY HISTORIES: The hutch is filled with photo albums. Memory Journals were begun in the summer of 2001 and continue to be compiled on a daily basis with log and photos. Miss Ethel has at least two diaries, one from her years in Florida and the other, from a trip to the Holy Land. Family bios and family histories are treasured and frequently re-read.
- BASKETS OF GREETING CARDS: Baskets of birthday cards received in February and greeting cards for other occasions are all around. Miss Ethel loves reading and re-reading the cards she has received.
- MEMORY JAR: The jar contains hand-written memories from children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren which were written on the occasion of Ethel and Bob's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. These were read at a family anniversary dinner.
- JOKE COLLECTION: Miss Ethel loves reading jokes from our Joke Notebook. She has a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh!