

## **Bio for Marilyn Hafner**

Originally from Chelsea, Michigan

Moved to Knoxville, TN, in 1990

B.A. in Sociology with a Social Work emphasis from Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan

15 years of professional experience including:

Domestic Violence Advocate

Children's Program Coordinator at a domestic violence shelter

Child Abuse Investigator

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Emergency Room Clinical Social Worker

Psychosocial Educator

Group Therapist

Depression Support Group Facilitator

Member of the American Association of Christian Counselors with certification in

Women's Ministry

Trauma Response and Grief Counseling

and advanced certification in Biblical Counseling

Certified Domestic Violence Chaplain

Volunteer lay chaplain and part of the Speakers Bureau for the Knoxville Family Justice Center

Active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Spirituality Commission Chair for the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Vice-President of the Smoky Mountain Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Self-employed as a Tupperware Manager for the last 14 years, including doing professional fund raising

Raised in an abusive Christian (Catholic) home

Married to Rick Patton, Associate Professor of English and Student Success Coordinator for Mississippi State Community College's Magnolia Avenue Campus

Recently celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniversary