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Isaiah 61

I began my knowledge ^{and} interest in art, I believe as a very young child. I was intrigued with colors, certain drawings, out door flowers, trees, making pictures, figures out of clouds. When I was in the 3rd & 4th grade at Holy Spirit School in Grand Rapids, MI, my teachers took notice of some of my coloring & drawings - My 5th grade teacher encouraged my art & that school year 1962/1963, I was asked & accepted an offer to draw/paint a Christmas

Mural on the school's hallway walls. - It was of Santa & Reindeer & assorted Christmas characters, ornaments. - The following year I was asked again, did three different murals Church vestibule, auditorium, school hallway. - It was fun. - My parents enrolled me, in Art Instruction school. - I worked with charcoal - Gask - I loved it - Drawing is therapy for me. - I put my art down, unfortunately at approx age 19. - "LIFE" got in my way. - So, here I am, 67 yrs. old, on a journey I've never expected, fathomed, Please edit your Artist Statement to the space provided or dreamed. - But my life has been spared, changed, delivered & God now, has me all to Himself. - He created the talent, personality about me, its a sin to waste the gifting even if it is so minimal. - I love to draw, doodle, etc. - It allows me to hear my self think! - So, I journey on. - My grandaunts call my drawings "Nana's Nonsense" - That about sums it up! - Thanks Lord!

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