

December 17, 2021

Dear Associates and Sisters,

On Saturday, December 11, 2021 Associate Cecilia “Catherine” Weber entered her eternal resting place. Catherine, as we knew her among the Associates, was born on April 4, 1931 in Princeton, IN to the late Ambrose I. and Cecilia B. (Schutte) O’Connell. She is survived by her 4 children, Dick, Michael (Heidi), Peggy, and Pat, in addition to one granddaughter Lillie.



Betty Ann Kissel (deceased), Catherine’s sister, served as Catherine’s contact person in her journey to becoming an Associate. Catherine signed her commitment on September 8, 2001 at which time she desired to renew her life through a deeper commitment to God, share her gifts and talents with others, and be respectful of all of God’s creation in the spirit of Francis of Assisi.

Having deep faith in God, Catherine set out to do just as her commitment statement stated. She wanted a deeper relationship with God and sought it through a life of prayer. Catherine was drawn to praying her rosary. Her daughter Peggy told me that upon her Mom’s death she found rosaries in every purse, coat pocket, drawer, and night stand. Catherine and her late husband John Paul were members of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Haubstadt, IN where Catherine attended a weekly prayer hour for peace, a bible study group, and a “Why Catholic” Group.

Her commitment statement went on to say how she aspired to sharing her gifts and talents with others. As a lifelong nurse she was definitely in a ministry of sharing and caring for others. She retired from St. Mary’s Hospital in Evansville and continued using her nursing skills taking blood pressure readings while serving as a parish nurse, helping with Blood drives, assisting families who had sick family members, visiting the elderly in nursing homes and those who were homebound, serving on the bereavement committee, and singing in the Church Choir. For her commitment to her Church Catherine was selected for the Monsignor Clarence J. Lindauer Award.

Catherine was conscientious of God’s creation as she enjoyed gardening and sharing the fruits of her labor with others. She especially enjoyed helping people in need.

Catherine attended monthly gatherings with Associates in Princeton until that group no longer met then she met with the Sisters and Associates in Evansville until her health prevented her from attending. On one of her annual renewal forms Catherine states, “I have made great friends and I enjoy our meetings. I have learned so much.”

Peggy also mentioned how her Mom appreciated and read all of the communications that came to her from the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Rest in Peace Catherine!

Jane Schaefer & Peggy Weber