

July 8, 2022

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Jean Feldhake passed away on June 27, 2022. She was born on June 26, 1932 in Indianapolis and graduated from Marian College. She married Leo Feldhake and they raised five children and enjoyed 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Jean was a member of the Franciscan Sisters here until final vows when she chose a different path. Then described as dedicated, humble and hardworking. These characteristics carried through to her callings as a wife, mother, and Nutrition Educator at IUPUI. She was more than a teacher, she would take the young mothers under her wing, going out of her way to help them in any way she could, even bringing them food if needed.

Jean continued to consider the Sisters her role models and learned that prayer doesn't only happen in Chapel, it is a way of life. Through her actions Jean was an example to others of the love and compassion that Jesus and Mary shared with us. She led a life of service, hoping to live to be one hundred so she could give glory to God each day of her life. She volunteered at St. Francis Hospital in the craft room and donated crafts she sewed at home. She also worked with Hospice patients, took care of over 100 plants and delivered flowers to patients as needed.

It wasn't until Jean read an article in the Criterion that she learned about the Associate program and immediately knew this was a call from God. Excited to be back at Oldenburg and involved with the Sisters again, she made her Associate commitment in April, 1999. She wanted to help everyone she came in contact with and do so with a smile.

She was happiest when she could be of service, putting her own struggles or pain aside. In her parish, St. Jude's, she was a lector and taught young children on Sundays. Jean delighted in being able to continue her Catholic ministries.

In 2006 Jean made her Associate commitment permanent, grateful for the prayers and support of her Oldenburg Franciscan Community. When she moved to the Altenheim Senior Living Community she visited the sick, distributed communion, played the piano for other residents, and assisted the priest during Sunday mass. May the special relationship she had with Jesus and Mary during her life find its fullness now in Heaven.

In Loving Memory,

Carolyn Meyer