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Dear Associates and Sisters,

Ann Patton passed away peacefully on May 6, 2023, at her home in Bedford, Indiana. Born in Indianapolis on June 15, 1928, she later graduated from Bedford High School and Indiana University. At IU she swam for the synchronized swimming team while earning her bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.



She was very active in the Girl Scouts and at age 18 was selected as one of two girls in the United States to participate in an international scout gathering at *Our Chalet* in Switzerland. When she returned home Ann worked as a counselor and lifeguard at a Girl Scout camp . She liked what the Girl Scouts believed in.

Her reputation as an athletic, outgoing, hard worker followed her through her school years and her later years as a mom and grandmother. She married Donald Patton in 1953 and they raised three daughters and a son. The family had a cabin at Kenray Lake, Bedford, IN and Ann spent her summer weekends there water skiing, canoeing, and enjoying time with family and friends.

Ann's Franciscan lifestyle and joy filled personality led her to become an Associate in 2001. Besides opening her home to Associate meetings she opened her home to dogs and cats as a lifelong pet owner. She was very generous with her prayers, her time, and certainly her many talents. Her contact person, Sr. Joan Luerman, deceased, wrote that if she ever needed a helping hand she could always count on Ann.

A member of St. Vincent de Paul Church, she was involved in organizations in the parish and attended daily mass whenever possible. Ann found much peace in her visits to Oldenburg and support through her relationships with sisters and associates, especially when her daughter and grandson were killed in a tragic automobile accident. She remained faithful to her Associate commitment to follow the examples of Saints Francis and Clare throughout her life and despite difficult circumstances.

May Ann now find peace in union with our loving God and experience a blessed reunion with her loved ones.

Carolyn Meyer