

December 5, 2018

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Associate Bill Daily was called home to his eternal rest on December 1, 2018. Bill and his wife Mary raised six children and were blessed with ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a communications arts professor at Xavier University for over 30 years.



While at Xavier University, Bill was recognized as, “a longtime-champion of its athletic success,” and as the chairman of the Xavier Athletic Board his behind-the-scenes contributions helped build Xavier Basketball into the program it is today. Bill, who also served as assistant coach for the men's basketball team, is credited as the architect who designed a plan for Xavier Basketball to become a nationally prominent basketball program and was also instrumental in efforts for the construction of the Cintas Center.

Daily's children began the endowment, *The Coach Daily Basketball Managers Endowment*, in honor of their father, with the hope that others who know his story, and the impact he has had on Xavier Basketball, will add to the fund.

Bill said that it was the Sisters of Oldenburg who gave him the strong Christian foundation to teach in Catholic Schools and he fully believed in the challenging mission of the Community. Bill made his Associate commitment in 2010 and he brought his dynamic and dedicated personality to this relationship. Bill saw his tie with the Associates and Sisters as a chance to grow personally and spiritually. He shared his gifts and talents often at Oldenburg when he served on the Associate Advisory Board, participated in the *Men at the 'burg* discussion group, the Batesville Gubbio Group, and in the many workshops and prayer days provided here. For five years, Bill was a member of the Chiara group with S. Clare Whalen and S. Janet Born.

Bill's signature thank you was a vase of roses, or a planter sent to the Motherhouse as his way of saying how much he appreciated a small, but meaningful kindness that he received from a Sister or Associate, often helping him feel at home among so many women. He would joke about the few male Associates, but he knew that he was an important part of a group that supported each other along a spiritual journey and who have a deep relationship with, and love for God.

Bill said that he knew he was, “not driving the bus,” he was only a passenger, invited to surrender and use his gifts and talents in service of others. We thank you Bill, for your commitment to your Catholic faith and the Franciscan values. As you are reunited in joy with your family in eternal life, know that your family and friends will miss you and remember you in our thoughts and prayers.

In Loving Memory,

Carolyn Meyer