

February 2, 2021

Dear Associates and Sisters,

On January 8, 2021 Associate Bob Adsit left his earthly life to join his beloved God in Heaven. Bob lived in Indianapolis with his wife Sheila (Associate). With Sr. Marie Werdmann (deceased) serving as their contact person, they signed their Associate commitments in March of 1995. Bob and Sheila loved Michaela Farm where volunteering enhanced the relationship between them and Sr. Marie.



Bob was a real proponent of Peace and Justice participating in different rallies and delivering Peace and Justice Newsletters to over 67 businesses. He held a Master's Degree in Social Work which he joyfully put to use as a community organizer and philanthropist. Bob retired from CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions as vice president of planning with over 20 years of service.

Bob and Sheila were members of Holy Cross Parish. When his health allowed him, Bob was a Eucharistic Minister – serving shut-ins, Lector, and Bible Study Leader. Early on in his Associate relationship he was faithfully present at Associate gatherings, days of prayer, and volunteering at Michaela Farm. For ten years of his life, he and Sheila ran their home as a “House of Hospitality” for the poor and homeless.

Developing a life of prayer was important to Bob. He used his gift of faith when visiting the sick, nursing home residents, the homebound, and the Sisters in residence at the Motherhouse. His Associate Commitment statement reflected the importance of prayer in his life as he committed to “Sharing in the prayer and spiritual exercises of the community, in this a renewal of my baptismal vows.”

Associate Becky Koors remembers Bob as having been a “good, gentle, generous, and kind Franciscan man, who held the Oldenburg Sisters and Michaela Farm close to his heart.” She also shared that Bob was a “true social worker, always ready to help anyone at any time.”

In his spare time, Bob had a love and appreciation for art, and politics. He helped with campaigns, praying for candidates and the issues they felt strongly about. Bob was kind of Jack-of-all-trades; he did carpentry work, gardening, grant writing, publicity, and sign painting. He was a singer and percussionist with a skill for dancing as well.

When a need arose within the family, Bob did what was necessary to alleviate any pain and suffering. Bob and Sheila lived within their means and were very generous when it came to helping others. They were true servants in the Lord.

Bob, may you now enjoy life eternal,

Jane Schaefer