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S. Carol Ann Mause

July 5, 2024

Dear Sisters, Associates, Co-workers, Family and Friends,

On Wednesday, July 3, at 7:20 a.m. our dear Sister Carol Ann Mause slipped into eternity, greeted by our Loving God and Sisters, family members and friends who have gone before her. On the eve of Independence Day, she was freed from suffering and physical decline to enjoy forever the “awesome wonder” of her Great God.

Carol Ann was born in Cincinnati to Frank and Rita Mause. She arrived two months prematurely weighing only 3 ½ pounds so she remained in the hospital for two months. Later two sisters, Diane and Terri enlarged the family.

Carol Ann’s Dad owned a grocery store and when Terri was born, he wanted Carol Ann to come and work in the store on Fridays after school and Saturdays. Carol Ann wasn’t cut out for retail sales and didn’t like it at all, so she was delighted when her dad agreed that she could stay home and take care of the baby while her Mother helped out in the store.

After five years at St. Lawrence grade school in Cincinnati, the family moved to Bridgetown where Carol Ann met the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Aloysius. Being new, she was nervous, but our Sister Vincent de Paul (Sarah Page) calmed her fears by telling her that it was also her first year at the school. After attending Seton High School, she was convinced that God was calling her to be an Oldenburg Franciscan. She entered the community on September 9, 1962 and professed her Final Vows on August 12, 1968.

Education, administration and pastoral work comprised her years of ministry. She always went beyond her assigned tasks to become involved in the parish, city or town, and the diocese or archdiocese where she was stationed. She loved people and people loved her. She was enriched by the lives of her students, teachers and parishioners, as she was gifting them with her Franciscan joy and genuine care and concern.

Carol Ann was devoted to her family and they were devoted to her. She was so proud of each member and loved to tell stories of their accomplishments. In these last years of her declining health, her family frequently visited her and kept informed about her well-being.

In her file, Carol Ann included a quote that she said she tried to live by: “Balance your life by allotting time for praying, meditating, thanking God for your blessings, sharing time and feelings with family and friends, singing, laughing, relaxing, never being so busy that you refuse the opportunity to listen to another individual—adult or child, acting as a peacemaker, sowing love, forgiving, pardoning, spreading hope, enlightening, radiating joy, encouraging, consoling, reaching out to someone, understanding, loving, giving, and believing in eternal life.” I think it is safe to say that she succeeded in embodying each of these fine qualities.

We express our deep sympathy to her family, her classmates, her many friends, and to our nursing and pastoral care staff in St. Clare Hall who cared for her so lovingly. We will miss her smile, her laugh and her joyful spirit. We are grateful to have known and loved Carol Ann.

Rejoicing in her new life,  
Sister Maureen Irvin

*S. Maureen Irvin, OSF*

for the Leadership Team

**SISTER CAROL ANN (formerly S. Rosarita) MAUSE, OSF**

Born: January 23, 1944

Entrance into Religious Life: September 9, 1962

Entrance into Eternal Life: July 3, 2024

**MISSIONS AT WHICH S. CAROL ANN SERVED:**

1965-1971 St. Francis, Portage des Sioux MO

1971-1974 St Bernard, Taylor Creek, Cincinnati OH

1974-1975 Our Lady of Victory, Cincinnati OH

1975-1981 St. Francis, Portage des Sioux MO

1981-1990 St. Joseph, Princeton IN

1990-1995 Sacred Heart Church, Vincennes IN

1995-1997 Oldenburg Academy, Oldenburg IN

1997-1998 Family Ministry, Cincinnati OH

1998-2001 St. Joseph, Cincinnati OH

2001-2007 St Aloysius Gonzaga, Bridgetown OH

2007-2012 St. Michael, Ripley OH

2012-2015 St. Nicholas, Sunman IN

2015-2017 Joy Day Care Center, Cleves OH

2017-2018 Sabbatical

2018-2024 Motherhouse, Oldenburg IN

*Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Weigel Funeral Home – visit their website to view Sister’s online memorial, and if desired, an online condolence may be left on the site to share with her family and the Franciscan Sisters – [www.Weigelfh.com](http://www.Weigelfh.com).*

**Memorial Donations** in Sister’s memory may be given online at [www.OldenburgFranciscans.org](http://www.OldenburgFranciscans.org).