

July 10, 2020

Dear Associates and Sisters,

Associate Dr. Marcia Rowley was called home to her loving God on June 25, 2020. Marcia was the daughter of the late Chester M. and Lindsey Rowley.



Marcia enjoyed writing, reading, gardening, leadership, swimming and laughing. She lived in Cincinnati, OH, with her contact person Associate Joan Yelton, who in February preceded her in death. Marcia became an Associate on August 4, 2002. She came to the Associate Relationship highly educated earning a B.A. in English Literature, a B.S. in Secondary Education, a Masters in Education Curriculum, a Masters in Secondary Administration, and a Doctorate in Literacy.

Marcia was a fan of Walt Whitman. When she signed her Associate Commitment she vowed to live by his words. One of his quotes reads, "I am satisfied...I see, dance, laugh, sing." Marcia loved to laugh noting it as one of her gifts; and laugh often she did. In addition to laughter, Marcia enjoyed praying with others, visiting those who were homebound or hospitalized, planning events, and attending meetings and gatherings.

When Marcia's health allowed, she enjoyed meeting with Associates and Sisters in the Cincinnati area. She converted to Catholicism later in life and appreciated learning more about the Catholic faith from those she gathered with. Marcia was a student at heart and loved to learn. She felt her encounters with others were always opportunities for learning.

"Nothing can happen more beautiful than death." Walt Whitman

Marcia, may you enjoy the beauty of life eternal, may you laugh like you have never laughed before, and may you be graced with the peace of mind and body.

Jane Schaefer