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Dear Associates and Sisters,

Sharon Hubert, age 75, died peacefully in her home on July 25, 2023. Sharon was a devoted aunt, sister, friend, and lover of animals and nature.



Sharon made her Associate commitment in 1995 and her permanent commitment in 2000. She felt that she had been “associated” with the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg from the earliest days of her childhood. She was born on December 1, 1948, in Cincinnati, OH and raised in the Catholic faith along with her two older brothers, Butch and Ed.

The Sisters influenced Sharon while she attended St. Leo’s School, her parents becoming good friends with the priests and sisters, who often joined them for a meal at the Hubert home. She accompanied her mom to Oldenburg making many cherished memories.

Her years in Catholic schools, including high school at McAuley instilled in her a desire to become a Sister. Franciscan values were a big part of her life, and she entered the Community at Oldenburg, then Sylvania Franciscans, and then came back to Oldenburg. In time she realized it was not her call.

In the years that followed, as an associate, Sharon served on the Development Board of Michaela Farm, belonged to the Fioretti group of sisters and associates and traveled to Assisi on a pilgrimage. She supported the Oldenburg community through her leadership and management skills, growing in her personal life through her relationships with many of the Sisters, especially her contact person, Sr. Rose O’Brien. Sharon felt that her connection to the Oldenburg sisters was an enormous blessing in her life. She helped with fundraising events at the Farm and offered space in her home and on her farm for associate/sister gatherings.

Her friendship and generosity is shared by Sr. Amy Kistner, “When I think of Sharon, I think of the abundance and beauty of God. Her ability to create beauty and share the beauty she created with others reminds me of our Creator who shared gifts with all of us and invites us to do the same. Sharon was always planning trips for places she liked, but also wanted others to enjoy. Keeping in mind the limited finances of the Sisters, Sharon often insisted on paying our way.

I especially remember climbing Mount La Conte, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At 70 plus years old I was sure it was beyond my advanced years, but she would not hear of it. She could be very persuasive, it turned into a wonderful breath-taking experience for all who went. There were many similar opportunities. In this final trip Sharon has taken, I know she is now experiencing the bliss of God's beauty and the joy of being reunited with her family and others who have gone before her. Our loss is her gain. We will always remember you, Sharon, and ask that you be there when it is time for our final journey.”

In Loving Memory,

Carolyn Meyer