

May 23, 2018

Dear Sisters and Associates,

On May 21, 2018 Associate Naomi Woods entered the cradling arms of her loving God. She was born on October 12, 1931. Her love for God began at an early age and was continually nurtured as she attended St. Mary's School in Greensburg, Oldenburg Academy, and one year at Marian College/University.

After retiring from a child care center, Naomi served three days a week as an in home babysitter. She also volunteered at the MHP Medical Center in the E.R. area several days a week. After 15 years of volunteering, Naomi logged 6,940 hours of service.

In addition to volunteering at the hospital, Naomi enjoyed praying the Rosary, typing (as was evident in the cards and notes she would send, crocheting, reading, and most of all, praying.

Never was there a more shy and conscience person than Naomi. She had the best of intentions for others always at her forefront. She sent cards and made phone calls to relatives, friends, Sisters and Associates to wish them well, offer prayers, cheer, condolences, or to wish them a Happy Birthday, by singing her little birthday song. Even in her final days, her focus was on her children, concerned that their needs would be cared for after she was gone.

Naomi was focused on living a better life so she could give greater honor and glory to God. Associate Teresa Horan served as Naomi's contact person in her journey to becoming an Associate. Full of excitement and enthusiasm, Naomi signed her Associate Commitment on April 25, 2004 committing to;

Following the ways of St. Francis...and increasing my prayer life in order to try to be a better person today than I was yesterday.

Naomi loved being an Associate. Anytime she could get a ride to Oldenburg she would hop in the car, especially if it meant spending time with her dear friend, Associate Donna Brown. She took the relationship aspect of being an Associate very seriously. Like St. Francis, she struggled with seeing other people suffer. So very proud to be an Associate, Naomi did what she could to make everyone else's world a little brighter.

Naomi, your kind spirit, gently smile, and contagious laugh will be greatly missed. May you rest peacefully in the cradled arms of our loving God.

In Loving Memory,
Jane A. Schaefer

“I thought I would tell you a beautiful happening. There are several couples who come to the hospital to eat and one evening this sweet lady said, ‘You know your little face just looks like you could be a little nun.’ Oh! I was so pleased. One other evening after they had seen me say my prayers before I ate, another couple questioned, ‘Are you Catholic?’ I replied, I sure am.”

Naomi Woods March 7, 2010

