

February 12, 2020

Dear Associates and Sisters,

Associate Susan Friedmann entered her eternal resting place on February 5, 2020. She was born February 28, 1950 to Edward and Anne Friedmann. Sue had one brother, Roger (Tricia) and six sisters, Mary (Bob), Teresa, Julie (Bill), JoAnne (Walter), Marilyn (John), and Martha (Jim). Sue was the oldest! In addition to her siblings Sue had sixteen nieces and nephews, and ten great nieces and nephews.



Sue had a special calling in life to be of service to others. She served the local community as a Nurse and Hospice caregiver, cooked for parish fundraisers, and treated the Oldenburg Sisters to a special treat of Graeter's Ice Cream.

Sue felt she always had a Franciscan spirit and heart. The presence of the Sisters in her life was positive and ultimately led her to the Associate Relationship. Sr. Barbara Piller had a significant role in Sue's life, serving as both her Associate Contact Person and Spiritual Director. Sr. Rose O'Brien was also influential in Susan's life as Sr. Rose was Susan's VIS and dear friend. Sue also enjoyed getting to know the Associates especially Karen Fultz whom she would visit with on the phone during Karen's long trips back to Tennessee or returning home from a late night of work.

Sue signed her Associate Commitment on September 11, 2016 where she emphasized the importance of following the examples of St. Francis and St. Clare by living the works of mercy and hoping to increase her life of prayer. Sue had a soft spot in her heart for those who were less fortunate, homebound, marginalized, and unable to care for themselves. Whenever Sue spoke about things close to her heart, a tear would stroll down her cheek witnessing to the signs of empathy and compassion she carried within her.

Sue was a lover of life, grateful for all of God's creation especially her little dog Klohe, a frequent visitor to the Motherhouse. She enjoyed sitting on her back porch listening to the birds sing, and watching little Klohe play in the grass. Sue's additional interests included sewing, crafting, singing (church choir), cooking, and listening. She was a faithful parishioner at St Clements Parish in Cincinnati.

In the last several years of her life, Sue optimistically and confidently awaited news that she would be the recipient of a new kidney. Although that call never came, Sue remained hopeful and diligent in making sure all her bases were covered.

Sue, may you enjoy the fullness of life eternal! Birthday Blessings (February 28)!

Jane Schaefer  
Associate Co-Director