

April 10, 2020

Dear Associates and Sisters,

On April 8, 2020 Associate Teresa Horan was called home to her loving God. She was born on January 17, 1931 to Charlotta and Gregory Schroeder, the ninth of thirteen children two of whom were Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters, Sr. Rose Mary and Sr. Cecilia.



Teresa was a woman of great faith and a Franciscan heart. Sr. Cecilia served as Teresa's contact person as she journeyed to the Associate Relationship signing in 1995. Sr. Cecilia shared in one of her contact reflection guides, "Teresa inspired me to be more courageous and to venture into the unknowns." Teresa had many gifts, talents, and interests. She worked as a housekeeper before she was married, was Marion Township Trustee, Bus Driver, director of Meals on Wheels, went with Celie to Beattyville, KY to help teach Bible School, she volunteered at the Visitors Center, she was a cook at Stones Supper Club, delivered newspapers, worked at IGA Grocery Store, belonged to the Daughters of Isabella and Home Economics Club, volunteered to pray perpetual adoration at St. Mary's Greensburg where she was a member, served as a Eucharistic Minister and took Communion to the homebound. Additional hobbies and interests included, Bowling, Gardening, Playing Cards, Cooking and Playing Volleyball.

Before Teresa's health no longer allowed her to come to Oldenburg, she was very active in her small Associate group, attended many gatherings at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center and days of prayer and retreat offered through the Associate Office. In 2005 continuing to seek ways to serve God and others, Teresa made Permanent Commitment. She enjoyed the opportunities provided to join other Associates who had also made Permanent Commitment.

Within one of her annual renewals, Teresa summed up her Associate Relationship by saying, *"During my years as an Associate, I have enjoyed many retreat week-ends and days of reflection. It has been good for my spiritual life. It is so peaceful and prayerful at Oldenburg. I've learned to take a few minutes to just enjoy the quiet and thank God for all my blessings. I've tried to simplify my life by not being so concerned about material things and more about spiritual things."*

Teresa's family meant the world to her. In addition to her 10 Children; Dennis, Sharon, Anthony, Joe, Kathleen, William, Nancy, Sue, Don (deceased), and Thomas she had 39 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

In her statement of Permanent Commitment Teresa stated, *"I will strive to walk humbly with my God and St. Francis as I journey through life, striving always to answer God's call in whatever I'm called to do."*

Teresa, may you rest peacefully in the loving arms of God knowing you have touched the hearts and lives of so many people, giving witness to your Franciscan Heart.

Rest in Peace,

Jane Schaefer