

November 14, 2016



Dear Associates and Sisters,

Associate Barbara Elliott born in Indianapolis on February 20, 1932, entered the arms of her loving God on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

She was the mother of seven sons and five daughters. Barbara spent her entire life living in the house where she was born. She retired from Community Hospital East where she worked in the Dr.'s Dining Room. Barbara had been married to her husband Robert for forty four years until his passing. She had 26 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Barbara's relationship with the Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters began when she met Sr. Alice Ann Deardorff (deceased) and Sr. Catherine Raters (deceased). Sr. Catherine served not only as Barbara's friend but as a spiritual mentor, companion, and ultimately contact person, guiding and affirming Barbara on her spiritual journey. Barbara wanted to become an Oldenburg Franciscan Associate so she could develop a closer relationship with God. She stated, ***"I want a closer relationship with my Lord, and what a better way than with others that want the same."*** With words of affirmation from Sr. Catherine, Barbara came to the realization that she did not need to be perfect to say "yes" to God's calling.

On April 25, 2004 Barbara said "yes" to Gods call and signed her statement of commitment. In her own shy and humble way, Barbara committed to praying and doing all the good that she could for everyone she met. Barbara was dedicated to doing good for others especially her grandchildren whom she took care of (for a while full time) on a regular basis. Barbara was a member of St Francis de Sales Brightwood until their closing ultimately bringing her to St. Therese of the Little Flower. Barbara was thankful for her good health, her faithful friends, her loving family, and her Associate Relationship.

Rest in peace Barbara!

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