

August 23, 2017

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Associate Carole Borellis entered her eternal resting place on Sunday, August 20, 2017. Carole married Michael T. Borellis and together they loved into life five children: Michael, Kathryn, Debbie, David, and Susan. Her five children and their spouses gifted her with nine grandchildren. Carole's family meant everything to her. She loved them dearly and wanted the best for them.



On April 29, 2001 with Associate Jean Ascolese as her contact person, Carole signed her commitment to the Associate Relationship:

Making a deeper commitment to Christ. I want to be His instrument and spread peace and love to my family, parish and community. I sincerely believe my association with the Sisters of St. Francis will enhance my spiritual life and help me to grow and be more Christ-like.

Not only did Carole spread love to her family, parish, and community, she spread it among a small group of Cincinnati Associates and Sisters affectionately known as the Troubadours.

“Carole was always looking out for the Sisters, wanting them to prosper, to be happy, to continue their presence and ministry. She was our secretary, always reminding us of future events, deadlines, and ways in which we could enter into the life of Oldenburg and its activities. She was energetic, efficient, and had a sense of humor.” Carol Ann Morrow

“Carole always stayed up to date with anything and everything going on with the community. I often referred to her as ‘Cap’n Carole’. Her sense of humor was incredibly wonderful. Her laugh was deep and genuine. When she laughed, her head would fly backwards because she felt so much joy about so many things. She and Mike enjoyed taking little trips – including sometimes to the nearby casinos where she could fearlessly locate the penny and nickel slot machines! She had so much fun with the simplest things.” Karen Fultz

“Carole brought the Franciscan spirit wherever she went. She was our leader, organizer, and keeper of events. She was the most genuine person I knew. She was always there for anyone, she was there for comfort, support, and to hold your hand when you needed someone. She dearly loved her family! Her kids were her greatest joy, and the grandkids....they were TOPS! We would email each other with silly things, and we would do silly things together. We called each other Lucy and Ethel our husbands were Fred and Ricky. Oh Ethel, how I will miss you!” Sue Kuznicki

“Carole touched my life with kindness and laughter; some of the most precious gifts in life. I will miss her.” MaryAnn McGowin

“Carole was a very loyal friend who had great empathy. She was a 6 on the Enneagram and carried all of the good components of the six: perceptive, sensitive, loyal, warm, witty, courageous, and strategic thinking.” Alice Schwab

“Over the past few months, Carole seemed to treasure each moment of life despite the sickness, pain, and just the overall ‘unknown’ of what was ahead for her. In a recent email she wrote, ‘I am not on the

computer much these days as I am enjoying God's presence in peace and silence.' In a recent letter written to her children she told them that she and their Dad tried to teach them how to 'walk everyday with God and trust in His will. She reminded them, 'the truth is not 'out there somewhere' but within our very hearts.' Even though her disease was progressing, Carole would write, 'I am doing very well.' In late Spring she wrote, 'Each one of us has only one day and I am making the most of each day...more than I have ever done in the past.' I will miss her very much. Forever and ever she will be the Cap'n of my heart." Karen Fultz

"I will never forget how much Carole embodied the Oldenburg Franciscan Charism and spirit. She was so Franciscan. Her smile and laughter were so contagious. She always had her 'ducks in a row.' As much as she loved being an Associate and all the activities that go with it, she would always say to me, 'Family comes first.' I did indeed feel her love and concern for me and my family. I related to her on so many levels. I just feel her wonderfully TALL presence with me and wish I could hug her." Judy Hillman

Carole was also an inspiration to the people she served through the many ways she gave back to the community: volunteering in her parish, volunteering at the Eve Center, serving on the Associate Board, volunteering at Drake Hospital, making Raggedy Ann dolls for the children of El Salvador, and visiting and sending cards to her VIS Sisters just to name a few.

In her annual renewal letter from this past March, Carole wrote that she resonated most with the Franciscan value of "simplicity." She went on to say, "I am trying and struggling each day, focusing on the Franciscan value of simplicity. It is important to truly live a Franciscan Life!"

Carole, may you struggle no more as you rest in the arms of your loving God.

"This is the day the Lord has made....let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Psalm 118

Rest in Peace Carole,
Jane Schaefer

