

April 11, 2024

Dear Associates and Sisters,

Annette Couture was called home to her eternal rest on March 11, 2024. She was born on August 2, 1935, in St. Xavier, MT. She received her education at St. Xavier Mission School and later attended Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota for culinary arts.



Annette married Richard Couture Sr. in 1953 and moved to California. They raised seven children and when they returned to Crow Agency she started a café' called, Crow Lunch, and worked for Indian Health Service and Pretty Eagle Catholic School. Annette was a Secular Franciscan for 20 years before she signed her Associate commitment in 1996. In her commitment statement she promised to deepen her prayer life with others in the Church and by sharing in the mission of the Sisters. She later also made a commitment as a Minister of Praise. Her daughter, Colleen, became an Associate three years later. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Dennis Catholic Church in Crow Agency and was a Whistling Water Clan member and child of the Newly Made Lodge.

She retired in 2002 and after Myrtle Howe, her sister and an Associate died, Annette became the Matriarch of the family. She enjoyed traveling and holidays with her large family. She had a passion for cooking, enjoyed powwows, and dancing and would dance with her sisters on New Year's Powwow.

As Sister Marya Grathwohl came to know Annette she discovered that she was very active in her parish community, living her faith life sincerely, generously, and joyously. " Her presence and willing service at parish events and Associate gatherings blessed everyone there. I think it may have been Sister Claver and the Sisters at St. Xavier who inspired and encouraged her to join us as an Associate."

Annette shared in the monthly prayer days at Prayer Lodge and participated in meetings with Sisters and Associates to pray and study the life of St. Francis. Her spiritual life grew by praying the rosary daily and reading scripture.

Annette, may you now be dancing with joy in the presence of our Loving God,

Carolyn Meyer