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Dear Sisters and Associates,

Dolores Kiefer entered her final place of rest on March 1, 2018. Born on January 5, 1938 she was surrounded by a loving family that grew to twelve brothers and sisters. She married Robert Kiefer and they raised three children together in Kansas City, MO. Dolores, a gentle and kind soul, never met a stranger. Her ministry was helping others, especially taking people to their doctor's appointments or shopping. She was a Eucharistic Minister and volunteered at *SAVE Home*. This is one of SAVE, Inc.'s residential properties designed to offer a living environment for clients who are medically unable to live independently. She believed the best way to pass on the Gospel message and share the Good News was by living her life so that others could see Christ in her.

In 2004 she signed her commitment as an Associate, promising to pray for the Community and continue her spiritual reading, especially the writings of St. Francis and St. Clare. She became a *Minister of Praise* and shared these letters and prayer intentions with neighbors in her apartment building. With Dolores' inspiration the group grew to eight women and they would also gather for Scripture Study.

Her connection to the Sisters of St. Francis was initiated through her visits to the Mission in Tohatchi to see her brother, Father John Mittelstadt, OFM. She spent time with her contact person, Sister Millie Speed when she was there, and later by phone and mail. Dolores spoke of S. Millie often and described her as a woman who leads by example, and she learned what it means to imitate Saints Francis and Clare through her experiences with S. Millie.

Eventually Dolores' health prevented her from further travels and limited her time with other Associates. This did not keep her from spreading the Good News with those near her and holding her Franciscan family in her thoughts and prayers. Dolores, we hold you in our prayers as you complete your final step in your journey towards our loving Creator.

In Loving Memory,  
Carolyn Meyer