

July 23, 2018



Dear Sisters and Associates,

Josephine Sagel journeyed home to her loving God on July 3, 2018. When she made her Associate commitment in 2008 she asked for the support to become the person God had in mind when He created her. She promised to strive to live as a servant of the Gospel and improve in this role whenever this was possible.

She was a loving wife to her husband John, mother of four and a dear grandmother and great-grandmother to twenty-seven. Her family meant the world to her and when it came time to sell their home and move it was very difficult. Although she retired to Florida for six months out of the year, when she returned to Cincinnati she spent time with her contact Associate, Alice Schwab, and met with the *Troubadour* group of Sisters and Associates. It was through a Bible Study group with members of St. James' parish that Jo was introduced to the Associates.

Alice recalled how much fun Jo was to be with, but that in the serious moments she always turned to God. When she visited the Sisters in Oldenburg she felt a sense of peace and her spiritual life was enriched, helping her to stay on her path as a follower of the Gospel message. The Sisters were role models for her in many ways, especially for her prayer life. When she was asked about her Associate relationship she would mention that she wished she had made the commitment sooner!

Practicing her Franciscan values was part of her daily life. She recycled whenever possible, being very conscious to respect the earth. She always looked to God for reconciliation and guidance and she hoped to bring peace to others by first finding that peace within her. Her animated face expressed the joy she felt when she shared with her Associate and sister friends.

Jo, may you be rewarded in heaven for your generous spirit and rest in the wholeness of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

In Loving Memory,

Carolyn Meyer