



Sister Geraldine Krautkramer

March 31, 1945 - February 9, 2023

KRAUTKRAMER, SISTER GERALDINE, OSF

Sister Geraldine Krautkramer, OSF, age 77, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, died on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

The former Bonita Louise Krautkramer was born on March 31, 1945 in Green Bay, WI, the fifth child of six of the late Walter and Cecilia (Kabat) Krautkramer. She entered the convent in 1963, professed her vows in 1966, and celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 2014.

Sister Geraldine earned a Bachelors Degree in Theology at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI and a Masters Degree in Religious Education at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX. She obtained a Supervisor license from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

She served as a teacher at St. John, Howard, St. Boniface, De Pere, and St. Mary, Peshtigo; as Director of Religious Education, St. Paul, Combined Locks and St. Matthew/Resurrection, Green Bay; as Chaplain and CPE supervisor at St. Luke Hospital, Milwaukee and St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay; as Pastoral Associate at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Circle of Faith Catholic Community, Denmark, and as Pastoral Leader at St. James, Cooperstown and St. Joseph,

Kellnersville.

Sister Geraldine lived a life of gratitude daily to God and felt privileged to be able to provide a ministry of service to God's people. She brought love and compassion as well as received and learned from those she served.

Survivors include the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross and Associates; a brother, James (Linda) Krautkramer; a sister, Pat (Marvin) Biese; brother-in-law, John (Jane) Van Asten; sister-in-law, Janet Krautkramer; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents: Walter and Cecilia; sisters: Carolyn Krautkramer & Ruth Van Asten; and brother Kenneth Krautkramer.

Friends may call at Holy Cross Church, 3009 Bay Settlement Road, Green Bay, on Tuesday, February 14, beginning at 5:00pm for the Visitation followed by the Vigil Service at 6:30pm. The Visitation for Sister Geraldine will continue on Wednesday morning, February 15 from 9:30–10:45am. The Funeral Mass will be at 11:00am with Very Rev. Luke Ferris as Celebrant. It will be live-streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/holycrossparishfamily/>. Burial will be in St. Francis Convent Cemetery. To send online condolences, please go to www.gbfranciscans.org.

The Sisters of St. Francis and the family of Sister Geraldine wish to express their gratitude to the Sisters and nursing staff at St. Francis Convent, the caring staff at Caraton Commons, and the Hospice personnel from ProMedica Hospice who provided such loving care and support.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

Green Bay, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (cst)

Holy Cross Church
3009 Bay Settlement Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Vigil Service

FEB 14. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

“ Sr. Geri is among one of the most important and key persons in my adult life. She was there for me at a time in my life when I had had a "divine encounter," or maybe the more correct way of saying it is to say I had an encounter with Divine and Holy Mystery.

I can sum up "who" Sr. Geri was and will forever remain in saying she was the embodiment of loving kindness.

*** See 25 SCRIPTURE PASSAGES of "LOVING KINDNESS." Each one of these describes Sr. Geri, because that is how she knew God and allowed God to live and move within herself. ***

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Lovingkindness>

Fr. Luke's testimony of her as being "merciful" and "meek" (or humble), rings true in all regards. Sr. Geri LIVED - and BECAME the Beatitudes.

One time @ St. Vincent Hospital while the group of about eight of us in the Clinical Pastoral Ministry program were having lunch together in the cafeteria, a baby less than one-year-old, with her parents at the table next to us, was crying and crying in great distress.

Geri, just as naturally as natural could be, stood up and very graciously and very tenderly, as if receiving a most precious gift, gathered the baby in her comforting and reassuring arms, relieving the mother and father who were beside themselves in what to do.

I was so very moved, as I had just been thinking to do the same, myself, but did not want to be seen as being intrusive or interfering.

Geri, without realizing it, showed me that "moving with the Spirit-of-love within you," is so much more beautiful and true for all involved than is living in doubt that I might say or do 'the wrong thing.'

Sr. Geri was a most beautiful and gracious woman.

As St. Augustine wrote -- and preached -- many years ago, "In as much as love grows in you, so does beauty grow, for love is the beauty of the soul."

Geri was -- and will forever be -- truly beautiful.

Linda - February 17, 2023 at 06:53 AM

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“ *Sending our love and prayers to Sister Geraldine's family and friends. She holds a special spot in our hearts from her time at SEAS Parish. Sister also taught me (Kimberley) the Rosary when converting to the Catholic faith . . . a priceless and sacrificial gift. May the joy Sister shared throughout her life provide comfort and peace.*

*Love,
Mike and Kimberley Biese*

Kimberley Biese - February 12, 2023 at 02:51 PM

