



Sr. Judith Werner OSF

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Sr. Judith Werner, formerly Sr. Bonaventure, age 78 of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Motherhouse. Born on July 1, 1943 in Batesville, she was the second of five children born to Ethel (Nee: Schumacher) and Francis Werner.

Judith attended St. Louis School in Batesville, and later when her family moved to a farm on Shrine Road, she attended Holy Family School in Oldenburg before enrolling at Oldenburg Academy. She met the Franciscan Sisters at an early age and soon expressed an interest in joining the community. Entering the convent in 1961, she enrolled at Marian University where she earned her undergraduate degree in education. In 1975 she enrolled at Creighton University in Nebraska, earning her master's degree in science education.

She began a 30-year teaching career while studying for her undergraduate degree. She taught at elementary schools across Indiana and Ohio, specializing in science and ultimately serving as an in-service science specialist for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. After a sabbatical year in 1994, Judith spent a year as a co-director with AmeriCorps in Cincinnati before returning to the motherhouse to serve as co-director of the Sisters' communications department for six years.

She then helped care for her mother, due to declining health, until her death in 2003. Following her mother's death, Judith taught for a year at the former LifeSkills Charter School before returning to Oldenburg, assisting in the Sisters' Development Office for seven years. In 2013 she transitioned back to education as a GED teacher with River Valley Resources at their Batesville location and then volunteered at the Oldenburg Academy's Twice Blessed Resale Store before her retirement in 2015.

In her autobiography, she noted, "My ministries and education have deepened my spirituality. Throughout my journey I have felt the presence of the Divine. I have continually met the next "teacher", have been in the right place at the right time, heard the right messages that prepared



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me for the next step of my journey. I am deeply grateful for my community of Sisters and for the love and support shown to me by my family.

She is survived by brothers James (Sandy) Werner, Dale (Barbara Nolting) Werner, Brian (Joanie) Werner, all of Batesville; brother-in-law Stephen “Skip” Lowe of Morrow, Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her sister Suzette Lowe.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 10th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the convent chapel. Funeral services follow at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Bob Ross, SJ, officiating and burial will be at the convent cemetery. Guests who have been vaccinated are welcome to attend but masks are mandatory. For those unable to attend, services will be live-streamed at https://youtu.be/ytg-N_ObwX4. Memorials may be made to the Srs. of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN, 47036 (www.OldenburgFranciscns.org).



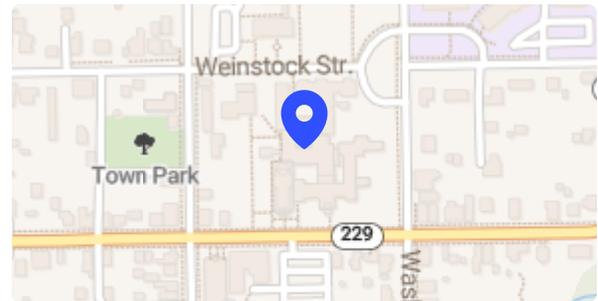
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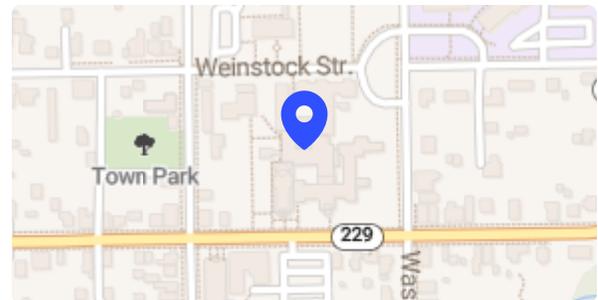
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- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Srs. of St. Francis Chapel**
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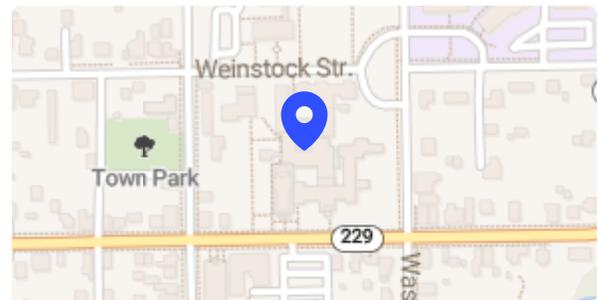
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Cemetery Details

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Dennis Wissel. posted:

May you find great peace and love with the Lord in the next step of your journey, Sr. Judith. We rode the school bus together to Holy Family School where we were classmates. I know of your great smile. Thank you for your religious and teaching dedication. Dennis Wissel

March 10 at 7:57 AM



Julie Murray posted:

Sending my prayers to the Franciscan community and family members whom Judith is leaving behind in her passing. Knowing her for many years, I respected her strong intention to grow in ever deepening loving relationship with God and others. She was a woman of great inner freedom and service to all. May she send blessings on us all as she is embraced now fully and resting in the Everlasting Arms.

March 9 at 8:03 AM



Rod Wolters sent a Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket to the Werner OSF family.



March 9 at 6:23 AM



Sr. Ellen Miller, OSF posted:

As a convent classmate of Judy I send my prayers to her family. I will miss her. I share your sadness at this time. Judy was someone special. Sr. Ellen Miller,OSF

March 8 at 5:08 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Werner OSF family.



March 7 at 4:51 PM



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Mary Abrams posted:

Sr. Judith Werner was a treasure! I am grateful to have had the pleasure to work with her. She will be missed by many and all who have known her. Rest in God's grace, you certainly have earned it! Mary Abrams / RVR HSE/GED teacher

March 7 at 4:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Werner OSF family.



March 7 at 3:22 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sr. Judith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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