



IN MEMORIAM
Lou Ann Kinney
May 17, 1934 – April 12, 2025

Lou Ann was born in Joliet. In fact, she lived in the home where she and her brother Ray were raised until her move to assisted living a few months ago. She attended St. Patrick Grade School. Lou Ann met many of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters while attending Saint Francis Academy. She became an associate on April 26, 2002.

Upon graduating high school, she planned to continue her education, but her father thought it was time to become active in the family business, a large repair shop that later became known as Kinney Motors. Lou Ann and Ray worked at Kinney Motors and cared for their aging parents. After their father passed away, they continued to downsize Ray Kinney Motors in preparation for sale. Lou Ann cared for their mother in their home until she passed away.

Lou Ann was a member of the Saint Francis Academy Alumnae Board. In 1990 assisted in the “merging” with Joliet Catholic High School to become Joliet Catholic Academy. She continued to serve on the JCA Board with many of our sisters.

On the recommendation form for becoming an associate it was written, “She would bring to us that which is alive and well in her – a Franciscan heart: full of joy, loving towards others, especially for those in need. She is faithful and generous and has an innate appreciation for God’s creation.”

While discerning committing to the Associate Relationship, Lou Ann wrote, “I desire to be an associate at this time in my life. I feel that I have been an associate in an informal way for years, but now I would like to formalize that relationship. I have had a special connection with the Sisters of St. Francis through most of my life. I feel more than ready to accept this invitation, which the sisters offer to me, to walk with them as servant and friend.”

We are grateful for the years Lou Ann spent as an Associate and friend to our Congregation. She now enjoys the presence of God whom she loved and served.