



Associates and Sisters Day will be Franciscan-Ursuline themed

By Dan Heckel, OSUA (MSJ Staff)

Saint Angela Merici's spirituality was formed in part by

the Franciscan priests she worked closely with, leading her to become a Third Order Franciscan. How Franciscan and Ursuline spirituality continues to intersect will be a major theme of Associates and Sisters Day on June 27.

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 as a Jubilee year to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Italian saint is perhaps best known for his care of animals and the environment, but Franciscans also focus on serving the poor and sick, being peacemakers,



Friar Ken Bartsch, a Conventional Franciscan who serves as a spiritual director for his community at Mount Saint Francis, Ind., will speak on Associates and Sisters Day.

praying often, and living simply and humbly.

In Mary-Cabrini Durkin's book, "Angela Merici's Journey of the Heart," she talks of the influence the Franciscans had on Saint Angela in her

young years (from Angela's point of view), up until she founded the Company of Saint Ursula.

"The (Franciscan) friars said Mass at the church near Aunt and Uncle's house in Salo. They were from San Bernadino Convent. ... I used to visit the friars for guidance and the sacraments. I also began to meet a group of wonderful lay people, women and men, mostly married, who were part of the Franciscan family, in the Third Order of Saint Francis. They followed a Rule that guided them along a spiritual path and had special opportunities to receive Holy Communion.

Their Rule outlines practices like fasting and abstinence, prayer, the Divine Office, Mass, visiting the sick and being peacemakers. Their life attracted me. So did Saint Francis, with his spirit of joyful poverty. He shared so deeply in the sacred Passion of our Lord! With him we came to feel close to Jesus' human life!"

"When I was close to 20, I became a secular Franciscan of the Third Order too and made a commitment to follow this spiritual path as a lay person. Members have the right to wear the Franciscan clothing made



(Above) Associates Gayle Sims Bogard, left, and Amy Fogle Stiff visit with Sister Grace Simpson, while at right, Associate Bonnie Marks, left, talks to Sister Emma Anne Munsterman on Associates and Sisters Day in June 2025.



of coarse gray cloth, and to be buried in it, in a Franciscan cemetery. Not many choose to dress this way throughout their lives, but I have for many years."

It was the Franciscan friars who asked Saint Angela to go to Brescia, Italy, in 1516 to be with Caterina Patengola, who was a widow who within four years lost all three of her children. Cabrini-Durkin said it was Angela's membership as a Third Order Franciscan that helped form her spirituality, "but it did not satisfy her sense of need for a company of women in a vocational sisterhood." In 1535, Sister Angela took the step to form her company of women in Brescia, today's Ursuline Sisters.

That special feeling at the Mount



Coming Home!

There is a special kind of feeling I get just before I turn the corner onto Cummings Road in Maple Mount. At the top of the hill there used to stand the Mount Saint Joseph Academy and later Retreat Center. To me, it was a symbol of strength, love and unity here at the

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph campus. Though these buildings are gone, the feelings have not faded. I am so blessed to experience this daily as I come to work.



The former Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Maple Mount

Many people do not have that opportunity, so returning to the Mount yearly for Associates and Sisters Day holds a special place in their heart. I've heard people say it is holy ground, a sanctuary of faith, and a home for the spirit. When you come home here, you are walking in the footsteps of many dedicated women who have committed their lives to prayer and service in the spirit of our founder, Saint Angela Merici.

I am looking forward to seeing you again on **Saturday, June 27**. So, as we prepare to gather this year for our celebration, keep in mind what it is that keeps you coming back to the Mount. Is it a family connection, a bonding connection with a Sister, or the reconnection with other Associates on this day? I hope we can share our reasons at Associates and Sisters Day and how we can keep the spirit of Saint Angela and our beautiful Sisters alive as we all come back home again together.

Doreen Abbott, OSUA

Coordinator of Ursuline Partnerships

Associates and Sisters Day

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Maple Hall at Mount Saint Joseph

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer

10:15 a.m. **"Who was St. Francis and what did he and the Franciscans mean to Saint Angela?"** by Friar Ken Bartsch and a facilitator. Part 1.

10:35 a.m. **"What is the focus of Franciscan spirituality today that intersects with Ursuline spirituality?"** Discuss Angela and Francis. Part 2.

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Laudato Si panel: **"Care for the Earth"**

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Welcome home discussion: **"Why is it important to come to Maple Mount?"**

1:40 p.m. Trivia

2:10 p.m. Honoring Associate Anniversaries

2:15 p.m. In Memoriam & Happy Faces Videos

2:25 p.m. Closing prayer

2:30 p.m. Optional opportunity to visit the Rosary Walk, Shrine Walk and cemetery



Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons welcomed several Associates among the nearly 70 people who attended her March 28 retreat day:

"Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four Saint Teresas (Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Teresa of Lisieux, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross aka Edith Stein, Saint Teresa of Calcutta)." TOP: Sister Cheryl. LEFT: Associate Martha House, left. BELOW: Associates Karen Wells, left, and Donna Favors, right, are joined by Sister of the Lamb of God Debra Ann Bailey.



BELOW RIGHT: Associate Kim Haire, left, takes notes.



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ASSOCIATE PURPOSE

We, the associates of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through the actions of our everyday lives. We commit ourselves to living the charism of Saint Angela Merici in union with and in support of the Ursuline community of Mount Saint Joseph.

ASSOCIATES DAY *from page 1*

Associates and Sisters Day will begin with a welcome and opening prayer. Our morning session will focus on how Franciscan spirituality and Ursuline spirituality overlap. We will have table discussion and full group sharing based on the question, ***“What would Saint Angela and Saint Francis want us to spend our time and resources on today?”***

We are honored to be joined by Friar Ken Bartsch, a Conventional Franciscan who serves as a spiritual director and volunteer in the Mission Advancement office for his community at Mount Saint Francis, Indiana. Friar Ken received the Franciscan habit in 1966 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1975. He served as an associate pastor in various churches in the U.S. and Australia. He also led Franciscan retreats and was a hospital chaplain.

He has his own Ursuline connection – he was taught by Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph at St. Denis School in Louisville for five years. He writes a daily homily blog that can be read here: <https://kenbartsch-homily.blogspot.com>.

He will give our participants a better understanding of who Saint Francis was, and how Franciscan spirituality has evolved. Then attendees can take their own knowledge of Ursuline spirituality and find common ground with the ways these two saints can guide us.

After a break, members of the Ursuline Laudato Si committee will lead a panel discussion on ways we can care for the earth. Pope Francis issued his Laudato Si encyclical on “care for our common home” in 2015.

After lunch, we will have table discussions centered on this question: ***“Why is it important to come to Maple Mount?”*** Each year, the evaluations of Associates and Sisters Day are filled with comments of how special it is to visit the holy ground of Mount Saint Joseph. We will challenge participants to put into words why coming to the Mount is like coming home.

The day will finish with trivia – which will include questions about jubilarians as well as the subjects of our What One Associate Can Do feature. We will also recognize Associate anniversaries, say goodbye to those we’ve lost in the past year, and share happy faces. After the closing prayer, there will be optional time to tour the Rosary Walk or Shrine Walk, with audio guidance for both. ❖

We are all called to conversion

Dear Friends,

Recently I was at a meeting with Sisters from other congregations. We were Ursuline Sisters, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Divine Providence, and many Sisters of Saint Francis. The Sisters of Saint Francis had prepared our prayers, and we were all reminded of the **800th anniversary of the Franciscans**. Of course, I thought of our upcoming Associates and Sisters Day in June, when we will celebrate Saint Angela’s Franciscan roots, remembering that she was a Third Order Franciscan.



So, I made the opportunity to seek out some of the Franciscan Sisters to ask them, ***“If you had only one phrase or a few words to describe the core charism or call of Saint Francis, could you? What would it be?”*** “Yes! That’s easy,” they said, “it is ‘constant conversion.’”

How simple, yet how challenging. But what is conversion? The word derives from the Latin “*conversio*” or “*convertere*” which mean “*a turning around*” or “*to turn about*.” So “constant conversion” could be “constant turning.” Turning. And for the rest of the day, I kept humming the Byrds’ 1965 song, “Turn! Turn! Turn!” based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, especially the refrain:

*“To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose, under heaven.”*



And I kept thinking of Saint Angela’s words reminding us that while we must always be aware of the needs and demands of times and circumstances, we must also remember her central call to gather for support and guidance at the feet of Jesus. It is not the vagaries of the discordant political climate, nor the latest thought-numbing controversy on social media, nor the needs of so many clamoring for our attention that determine our purpose and response. It is the leading of the Holy Spirit.

While we are, with Saint Francis and Saint Angela, called to constant conversion, that conversion is a turning – not a twisting, or a shifting, or a switching – but a steady turning to the will of God. To the focus Saint Angela gave us, to the feet of Jesus and there to apprehend the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps we can hear once again the Byrds singing, “*To everything, turn, turn, turn,*” not as a turning from, but a turning to. And this summer we will join together to gather again at the feet of Jesus in prayer and support of the Ursuline mission. Blessings for your continual conversion,
Sister Sharon Sullivan, OSU
Congregational Leader, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

What one Associate can do: Sisters are more than a job to Jamie Durbin

By Dan Heckel, OSUA

Jamie Durbin has a different experience with the Ursuline Sisters than most Ursuline Associates – he’s with them six days a week.

Jamie has worked in maintenance at the Motherhouse since 2019, and he attends Mass with the Sisters each Sunday morning.

“When I see the Sisters at Mass, I’m not on the clock, so I can sit and talk,” he said. “You really examine your faith just walking around here. You get to know the Sisters. I know I’m not a member of their community, but I consider the Sisters family. A lot of people consider this just a job. It’s not to me.”

Jamie said it’s hard to explain why he wanted to become an Associate.

“It’s like a calling. I never experienced that other than when I wanted to get married,” he said. Fittingly, he became an Associate in 2023 with his wife, Alice, who previously worked in housekeeping at the Mount.

The Durbins live just seven miles from the Mount in the tiny McLean County town of Wyman. Jamie attended St. Alphonsus Elementary School across the road from Maple Mount for the first five grades, with Ursuline Sisters as his teachers. When his family moved to McLean County, he completed his education in public school.

He was an altar server from the third to eighth grades, first at St. Alphonsus, then at St. Sebastian in Calhoun.

“The first Sunday I came to Mass here, one of the Sisters asked if I would process in with the cross,” he said. “I said ‘Sure.’ I felt



Jamie Durbin

like I was contributing. I know it helps them.”

When Jamie interviewed for his job at the Mount seven years ago, he was in a tough place in life, but the Sisters helped him through it. “It was peaceful here,” he said. “The Sisters showed me a lot of love, and different ways of looking at things.”

One of the many aspects Jamie enjoys about working at the Mount is his access to “experts” on faith.

“You can talk to somebody about your faith who actually knows,” he said. “They are very intelligent ladies, a lot smarter than me.”

In his spare time, Jamie loves to fish for bluegill, bass and crappies. He likes to go camping at Lake Barkley with his son’s family on the weekends.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, but Alice has had some health issues in recent years, so everyone is happier if he stays close to home, he said. The couple also have three granddaughters who live about 90 minutes away, so spending time with them is another joy.

He is happy to continue serving the Sisters daily, in whatever way they need.

“My father-in-law told me, ‘There is a difference between belonging to something and being a part of something.’ I feel like I am a part of the Sisters,” Jamie said. “I feel like I’m an asset and not a liability.”❖



Sister Alicia Coomes pins Jamie during his commitment as an Associate on June 24, 2023. His wife, Alice, center, also received her new Associate pin.



Jamie is honored by Congregational Leader Sister Sharon Sullivan for five years of serving in the Maintenance department at the 2024 staff Christmas party.



Members of NonViolent Owensboro – which include Ursuline Sisters and Associates – were named the third-place winners of the

Kiwanis Club of Owensboro Chili Cook-Off on Feb. 28. Eighteen nonprofit organizations competed for the title, which was won by Civil Air Patrol. God’s Littlest Angels finished second. This was the highest finish ever for NonViolent Owensboro. Pictured here wearing the third-place apron is Ursuline Associate Mary Danhauer, who made the chili. Behind Mary is Ursuline Sister Suzanne Sims, and to the right is Ursuline Sister Rebecca White. In the back are volunteers Evan and Sydney Johnson. At left is a Kiwanis Club representative.



Reflective Moments

By Sister Nancy Liddy, OSU



*“You haven’t any pluck.” [Rabbit said to Piglet]
“It’s hard to be brave,” said Piglet, sniffing slightly,
“when you’re only a Very Small Animal.” ... Rabbit
then said: “It is because you are a very small animal
that you will be Useful in the adventure before us.”*

–Winnie the Pooh ©1926

“Pluck” and perseverance needed if we want to continue Angela’s outreach

Before a recent gathering of Ursuline Associates in Louisville, there were so few Associates available to attend that we considered an 11th hour cancellation. Instead, we decided to lean in and recommit ourselves by keeping the meeting on the calendar. On the day we met, we shared Ursuline spirituality, food, project ideas, and prayer for our sick and absent members. All of us agreed that our perseverance had reaped a return when even the turnout for the meeting exceeded our expectations.

In traditional theology, perseverance is connected to the Gift of the Holy Spirit and the virtue of fortitude that helps us to overcome fear and serve a higher purpose. An extreme example of the exercise of this gift is martyrdom. But for most of us who are unlikely to die in this way, we can continue to grow, no matter what age we are, with a little “pluck.”

When we say someone has “pluck” we can sometimes confuse it with toughness. Pluck is different. Pluck is defined as “courageous, spirited, and often cheerful determination to overcome hardship.” Toughness is enduring or resisting a situation, whereas pluckiness can help us rise to the occasion.

We can all rise to the occasion and begin to recognize, if we have not seen already, that every gathering is not only for our Ursuline Sisters and Associates, but that we are also engaged in a divine project. Every school that shares the charism of Saint Angela, every Ursuline community throughout the world, and all our local activities are about being this kind of hub of Christ’s message in the world. It is not easy. But with fortitude, perseverance and “pluck,” we can recommit to engage to be God’s presence in the world.

Something to Consider

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC 2342] “Self-Mastery is a long and exacting work. One can never consider it acquired once and for all. It presupposes renewed effort at all stages of life.”

Self-knowledge is key to helping us recognize how we face life’s challenges.

- *Am I aware of times when I tend to give up too easily?*
- *Am I aware of times I resist when a needed change becomes obvious?*



Join us for Quilt Bingo!

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

1-4 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Maple Hall

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Play bingo to win quilts!

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Questions? Contact Dan Heckel 270-229-2007
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A portrait and short bio of Associate Meghan Payne can be seen in the Daviess County Public Library. It's part of the “Owensboro Portrait Project,” an ongoing initiative to build and strengthen connections in the community. Her plaque says she is most proud of being a Mom to five children.



Happy Birthday Associates!



June

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| 2 Gary Mesnier | 20 Rebecca Leonard |
| Karen Wells | 22 Donna Favors |
| 6 Jeff Goldsmith | 24 Fr. John Vaughan |
| Martha Little | 26 Karen Siciliano |
| 8 Doreen Abbott | 27 Suzanne Reiss |
| 9 Keith Hudson | 28 Tony Butel |
| 10 Bobby Joe Christian | Gabriela (Gaby) Mora |
| Ramona McConnell | Susie Westerfield |
| 16 Mary Alice Wethington | |

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| 2 Sara Scully | 16 Mary Danhauer |
| 4 Donna Karcher | Dan Heckel |
| 5 Janice Lawless Arth | 19 Jean Simpson |
| Joan Teder | 20 Sister Ann |
| 6 David Henderson | Middlebrooks, SEC |
| Christopher Walls | 21 Debbie Lanham |
| 7 Barbara Boatner | 23 Maryann Joyce |
| 8 Fr. Tony Shonis | 24 Larry Denton |
| 9 Mary Jo Johnson | 25 Suzanne Gochenouer |
| 10 Harriet Jack | Claudio Olea |
| 11 Fr. Carl McCarthy | 27 Sarah Bowling |
| 12 Fr. Ray Goetz | 31 Nanette Foley |
| 13 Loraine Hardy | Gustavo Paez |
| Don Speaks | |

August

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| 1 Marilyn Mischlich | 18 Carol Hill |
| 3 Bob Beam | Meghan Payne |
| Patricia (Pat) Gregory | 19 Pam Brickler |
| 5 Betty Medley Wallace | 21 Bruce Blandford |
| 6 Lisa Day | 23 Lawrence Guenther |
| 8 Stephanie George | 24 Sid Mason |
| 9 Bob Lawrence | 25 Joyce York |
| 11 Ruth Bittel-Nunez | 27 Brenda Busick |
| Bonnie Marks | Kris Mango |
| 12 Wilma Howard | 28 Joanne Thompson |
| 15 Erica Cabezas | 31 Risë Karr |
| 16 Marcia Stoller | |

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Two peaceful love songs for summer

Summer is the season of reunions. Whether it is a family reunion, Associate and Sisters Day or a class reunion, music is the soundtrack of great memories.

The measure of a great song for me is that it paints a picture in the mind of the listener. Growing up it was John Denver songs about nature that gave me a sense of peace. Two of my favorite songs are John Denver's "For Baby-For Bobbie" and Bruce Springsteen's "If I Should Fall Behind."



"I'll cling to the warmth of your tiny hand/ I'll do anything to help you understand/ I'll love you more than anybody can./ And the wind will whisper your name to me/ Little birds will sing along in time/ Leaves will bow down when you walk by/ And morning bells will chime."

"We said we'd walk together/ Baby come what may/ That come the twilight, should we lose our way/ If as we're walking, a hand should slip free/ I'll wait for you. And should I fall behind, wait for me."

Both songs paint a picture of walking through life with someone you love. For each of us it may be a different person at different phases of our lives.

Whatever the image it creates, the message is so timeless and powerful. We all need help at some time in our life. We need each other. We need human connections. As we get older, those connections become more important.

In the bigger picture of what is happening in the world around us, this serves as a reminder, we are called to love one another. If a hand should slip free, I'll wait for you, and should I fall behind, wait for me.

Carol Braden-Clarke

Director of Development for the Ursuline Sisters

IN LOVING MEMORY...



SISTER CATHERINE THERESE BARBER, 93, died March 25 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 73rd year of religious life. A native of Springfield, Ky., Sister Catherine was a welcoming and hospitable presence to all she met. She loved to learn and stay on top of current events, especially those related to justice for others. She was a teacher or principal for 22 years in Kentucky. She served in health care and pastoral care at the Ursuline Motherhouse (1977-86), as a patient representative at Mercy Hospital and Owensboro Mercy Health System (1987-97), and as a receptionist at Brescia University (1999-2002). Her Motherhouse ministries included serving on the archives staff (1997-98), in hospitality at the Conference and Retreat Center (1998-99), information receptionist (2002-04), chapel sacristan (2004-08), and assistant in Mission Advancement (2008-13).

Survivors include the members of her religious community and nieces and nephews.



SISTER AMELIA STENGER, 77, died March 28 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 58th year of religious life. A native of Glennonville, Mo., Sister Amelia had an inexhaustible spirit, always looking forward to her next idea and project. She was

passionate about God's creation and loved to work in the flower beds and teach children to be good stewards of the earth. She was a driving force behind the creation of the Memory Meditation Garden and Rosary Walk at Maple Mount. She loved the history of her community – her last project involved working with the archivist to create the Heritage Room on campus. She was the contact sister for Bishop William Medley, her sister Mary Teder, her niece Joan Teder, Karen Siciliano, Mag Birge and the late Jerry Birge, and the late Ruth Metschuleit. She was a teacher and principal in Kentucky for 13 years, then became the first female superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky., (1984-91), and the Archdiocese of Louisville (1991-97). From 1997-2010, she was director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. She served as director of Development (2010-16) and congregational leader (2016-22). She was quilting coordinator in Mission Advancement (2022-26), where she was instrumental in starting Quilt Bingo. Survivors include members of her religious community; siblings Mary Teder, of St. Charles, Mo., John Stenger, of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and Frank Stenger, Campbell, Mo.; nieces and nephews.



SISTER MARGARET MARIE GREENWELL, 87, died April 7 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 71st year of religious life. She was a native of New Haven, Ky. Sister Margaret Marie was kind, hospitable and encouraging to all those she met, and tried to see Christ in everyone.

All of her ministries were in Kentucky. She was an educator for 35 years, then from 1993 to 2015, she served the poor as the receptionist for the Sister Visitor Center in Louisville. She retired in 2016 and remained active in prayer. Survivors include the members of her religious community; her sister Janice Newton of Bardstown, Ky.; nieces and nephews.

Donations in memory of an Ursuline Sister may be made to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.



DEBRA "DEBBIE" MAGLINGER DUGGER, 68, of Owensboro, Ky., died April 5. She made her Associate commitment in 2011, with the late Sister Marie William Blyth as her contact sister. Debbie loved working with senior citizens. She was an activities director for about 30 years, first with Hermitage Care and

WE EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:



- Sister Rita Scott, whose sister-in-law Donna Bisch Scott died Feb. 13.
- Doreen Abbott, whose cousin Stanley Marriott died Feb. 20.
- Mike Sullivan, whose son Barry Sullivan died Feb. 24.
- Mary Costello, whose brother-in-law Ed Bresnik died March 7.
- Sister Martha Keller, whose sister Rose Bernadette "Sam" Keller died March 9, and whose brother Bernard Frederick "Fred" Keller died March 21.
- Carol Hill, whose niece Nancy Hill died April 18.

Rehabilitation in Owensboro, and then Saint Joseph Villa at Mount Saint Joseph until she retired. For many years, music was Debbie's life. She was the lead singer for several bands, mostly with Midnight Flyer, and sang in the choir and performed solos at Bellevue Baptist Church where she was a member. Debbie loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Surviving are her son, Gerren Dugger and his wife Kristi; three grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Tammy Maglinger.



IONE SRSTKA ALEXANDER DEKEN, 100, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., died April 6. Ione was born in South Dakota, then moved with her family to southern California when she was 17 for more job opportunities. She worked at Boeing Aircraft for 24 years. While there

she met her husband, Jack Rueck, who precedes her in death. She later married Otto Alexander, and they moved to his native Missouri in 1969, where Ione enjoyed being around the beauty of nature. They were married for more than 50 years when Otto died in 1984. While volunteering at Sacred Heart Church in Poplar Bluff in the 1980s, Ione met Ursuline Sister Mary Nichols, who served in pastoral ministry. Sister Mary had quite the influence on Ione, who visited the Mount to volunteer at the picnic and attend a retreat in 1983. That was the same year Sister Fran Wilhelm began the Associate program. Ione made her commitment in 1984, with the late Sister Diane Marie Payne as her contact. In the 1990s she married Clem Deken, a World War II veteran and woodworker. They were both involved with their community and church. She volunteered at Sacred Heart Church, the RSVPs, and at the hospital. She and Clem were married for 26 years. Clem died at age 104 in 2025. On her 100th birthday, Ione told a newspaper reporter that the secret to a long life is keeping positive thoughts and smiling. Ione is survived by her son, Stephen (Teresa) Rueck; stepchildren, Mary Coon, Monietta (Dale) Wilkerson, and Felix (Amy) Deken; five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many step grandchildren.



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Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Special needs (dietary, handicap accessibility) _____

Lunch needed on Saturday, June 27. Please provide a \$10 donation to help defray costs.

We encourage you to bring someone who may be interested in becoming an Associate. Guests are not required to pay the \$10 fee, but please let us know about your guest when you register.

Name of guest: _____

Accommodations: There is a limited amount of space in the Guest House on a first come, first served basis.

Please return this form by June 24 to:

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