



Sr. Wilma Kramer, OSF

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Sister Wilma Kramer (formerly Sister M. Jean Clare) a Sister of Saint Francis of the Neumann Communities (Millvale), died on February 15th at the Vincention Home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Andrew and Wilma Rosella Nieder Kramer, and her sister Alverna McCarthy and brother Charles Kramer.

Sister Wilma is survived by her brothers Frank, Herman and Bernard, and sisters Grace and Bernice, along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, including Sister Janet Kramer, OSF.

Sister Wilma attended Mt. Alvernia High School, Carlow University (BS. Ed, 1965) and Dayton University (MS Ed in 1974) and attended many post-graduate seminars in evangelization, family/domestic violence, pastoral leadership and Women in the Church, among many others.

She taught primary grades until 1978, and then became a parish minister in Adams County, Ohio for 15 years. She worked closely with the Glenmary Home Missioners, and was the Director of Reach Out, a domestic violence support program, from 1985-1993. She was awarded the Outstanding Victims Service Practitioner for the shelter for domestic violence victims in

Manchester, Ohio.

Sister Wilma returned to the Pittsburgh area in 1994 to minister at Mary, Mother of the Church (now St. Andrew Parish) in Charleroi, and over the next 18 years was a parish minister. She was also the spiritual moderator for the Pittsburgh Holy Name Society, and in 2008, she received an award from the Society for her efforts to "build and grow the Church." When leaving her parish ministry, Sister Wilma was recognized by the borough of Charleroi and the mayor, Nancy Ellis. Of her time in Charleroi, Sister Wilma remarked, "There was always something going on. It was exciting. You do what the Lord wants you to do, even if you don't know what to do." That was Sister Wilma.

In 2019, Sister Wilma moved with almost 70 Sisters who were at Mt Alvernia to The Waters of Wexford. In 2022, due to declining health, she became a resident at Vincentian Home. She enjoyed being with the Sisters and other residents, and she welcomed visits from family, friends and members of her religious Community.

Those who knew Wilma would often hear the phrase, "Well, you know it's like this" followed by a story or insight or reflection. She once wrote on a Community form about ministry (where it asked for additional comments)" More to come, when I write my book!!!" We believe Sister Wilma has written her book - by telling us stories, sharing her insights, loving her family, religious Community and all those she came to meet. Above all, she was a joyful Franciscan woman filled with compassion who shared her joy with her smile and laughter. She will celebrate her 70th jubilee year with the Lord.

The Sisters of St Francis are grateful to the staff at Vincentian Home for their compassionate care for Wilma, and to Bethany Hospice for their loving support.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at St Aidan Parish, St Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Interment following Mass at Mt Alvernia Cemetery, Millvale. Live streaming may be available for her service, please

check parish website.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sisters of St Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 208, Liverpool, NY 15088, or Vincentian Collaborative System, 8250 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, or Bethany Hospice, 400 Holiday Drive, #101, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Professional Services by D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd., Lawrenceville
www.dalessandro ltd.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Alvernia Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Alexis Church, St. Aiden Parish
10090 Old Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090

Mass

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I remember Sister Wilma as a kind, knowledgeable teacher. She always had a love for those that needed encouragement and understanding! Rest in peace Sr. Wilma!
Jacki (Harms) Delaney

Jacki Delaney - March 12, 2024 at 06:22 PM

VS

“ Sister Wilma's love for the poor was an inspiration to all that knew her. It was a blessing to work with her in Adams County Fr Vic Subb

Victor Subb - March 05, 2024 at 02:50 PM

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“ Sister Martha Torbik lit a candle in memory of Sr. Wilma Kramer, OSF



Sister Martha Torbik - February 20, 2024 at 11:33 AM

ST

“ I met our dear Sister Wilma in Appalachia in 1978 volunteering with a Lay Ministry Program. Wilma was my first encounter with a Franciscan Sister. Her peaceful, joyful simplicity during those five weeks drew me to our Franciscan Life and Community. Kate (who also served in Appalachia) and I are still friends since those days and shared a beautiful "wake service" by phone Sunday evening with many fond as well as funny memories of Wilma...but most of all her loving support and acceptance of all she encountered.
With loving gratitude, Martha Torbik, osf

Sister Martha Torbik - February 20, 2024 at 11:32 AM

FA

“ I worked with Sr. Wilma in Adams County, OH. She had a heart for the poor and a warmth for all she met. I found myself nodding assent as I read her obituary: it described her beautifully. She continues to be in our prayers at our Glenmary Headquarters. And Wilma... "Well done good and faithful servant." Fr. Chet Artysiewicz

Fr Chet Artysiewicz - February 19, 2024 at 05:22 PM

DB

“ I grew up with Sister Wilma. She was always a leader and the smartest and kindest woman I knew. I know that she is in Heaven with her Mother, Father and sister Alverna (Katey) and her brother Charles. It was a honor and pleasure to have her as my friend. Love, Donna Brunner (Safety Harbor, Florida).

Donna Brunner - February 19, 2024 at 09:31 AM