

Remembering Sister Vivienne Caron

1928 - 2020



*“our oneness in Christ extends
beyond this life,
the bond of community
unites us even after death”
(Const. #59/d.31)*



Sister Vivienne Caron (Marie Vivian Germaine), formerly Sister Anne Genevieve, died peacefully in the early morning hours of October 24th at the age of 92. She had been accompanied by her Ursuline Sisters who kept vigil with her and by her dear family members who, because of COVID 19 restrictions, connected with her through zoom calls. In her many years of devoted community service, she ministered from Toronto to Windsor as an educator, community leader, hospital visitor, pastoral worker, choir director and spiritual companion. A woman of deep faith and prayer, she was devoted to her family members and kept in close touch with them. Vivienne was a lifelong learner, an attentive listener and kind and caring friend to many.

Sister Vivienne's Celebration of Life, lovingly prepared by her good friend, Sister Mary Frances Dorschell, took place on the morning of October 28th. Sisters came to say their final farewells when Vivienne's body was brought to the Kiva. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Sisters at Villa Angela watched the service from their rooms. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church. Father Jim Higgins presided and Cindy Waddick and her brother Brent provided musical accompaniment. The prayers at the cemetery were led by Sister Linda Dube. Because family members were not able to be present, the crucifix from Sister Vivienne will be sent to her family.

What does Sister Vivienne have to say about herself? She tell us that she valued learning, and that for her, learning consisted first and foremost in her eagerness to learn how to love, and to live the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ.

Words from Sister Vivienne's family members:

"Vivienne prayed for each one of us by name. She was a constant in our lives...As an Ursuline Sister, farmer, musician, teacher, baseball lover, hockey coach for her students, family member, friend and holy woman, her impact is far and wide in this world."

The Patrick and Genevieve Carron Family

"Her love of God allowed her to know God's love in such a way that it radiated from her very presence. We always felt it no matter the circumstances."

Joe and Rosanne Carron

"Aunt Vivienne has always been a shining light to me... I remember her talking about her brothers and sisters and my grandma and grandpa...I am so blessed to have her in my heart and soul!"

MaryEllen (niece)

"What I remember about Sr. Anne Genevieve is her kindness and gentleness when I worked alongside her in the boarding school at THE PINES. Her quiet manner had a calming effect in a roomful of noisy girls."

Helen Seech