

## SISTER BETH CARRENDER



Sister Beth Carrender, a beloved member of the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh peacefully passed away on November 30, 2024, leaving a legacy of faith, service, and compassion.

Born in 1951 in Lexington Missouri, Beth was the second of four children to Floyd and Theadora Carrender. She is survived by her siblings, Chuck, Paula Kay, and Kent (Vicki) as well as her nephew, Trent, who

cherished her deeply.

Beth's lifelong journey of love and service began in 1972 when she joined the Franciscan Sisters in Missouri. In 1980, she transferred to the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and, in 1990, transferred her vows to the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh.

A gifted scholar, Sister Beth earned her master's degree in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University. She poured her knowledge and love of God into her work as the Vocation Director for the Benedictine community. Her ministry further extended across many areas and roles, including service at Nativity Parish, St. Killian Parish, St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, and St. Andrew Parish.

In 1997, Sister Beth followed her calling to Neon, Kentucky, where she became the Pastoral Assistant at Jesus of the Mountains Parish in Phelps. Her passion for nurturing and enabling others shone as she worked as a Recruitment and Certification Specialist for foster parents in Hazard and Phelps, KY. She was an active leader in the community, servicing advisory councils and initiatives dedicated to education, child welfare, and combating drug addiction.

In 2014, Sister Beth embraced a new role as Learning Center Coordinator for The Salvation Army Service Center, continuing her tireless efforts to uplift and support.

Sister Beth had a love of people and a heart for ministry and her life was a testament to selfless service, compassion, and unwavering faith. She will be remembered by her family, her many friends, and her Benedictine Community for her kind spirit, her commitment to building relationships, and her enduring dedication to spreading the gospel. May Sister Beth rest in the peace of God's loving embrace.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 11 a.m. in St. Benedict Monastery, 3526 Bakerstown Road, Bakerstown, PA 15007.

Condolences may be sent to Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, 3526 Bakerstown Road, Bakerstown, PA 15007. Arrangements by **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, Bakerstown, PA.

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