

Associate John Bartol

(February 21, 1932 – January 20, 2020)



Associate John Bartol died January 30, 2020, at his home in West Bend, Wisconsin, after a long, brave battle with Alzheimer's. He was born February 21, 1932, in Gile, Wisconsin, to the late Peter and Corrine (Garreau) Bartol. His wife Mary (Knoeck) Bartol, sister Bernice and her husband Bruce Tomczyk, sister-in-law Jean Bartol, brother and sister-in-law John and Donna Knoeck and sister-in-law Harriet (Knoeck) Martin survive him. He was a loving, active participant in the lives of 13 nieces, nephews and great-nieces and –nephews.

John's belief in God, family and country could never be doubted for he lived, as he believed. A man of few words and a good listener, his analytical mind and caring nature allowed him to see to the heart of things.

John and his wife Mary were among the first group of associates of the Holy Cross Sisters in 1985. They strived to lead lives committed to the ministries and Franciscan values of the founders. An avid reader with a curious mind, John studied Spanish and Italian, and even taught English as a second language to the Holy Cross Sisters in Taiwan.

John served his country in both the Air Force and the Marines. After leaving the military, he served in the Wisconsin State Patrol where he retired as a Sergeant after 28 1/2 years of service. In his retirement, he traveled the Upper Midwest with his wife Mary as successful crafters.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on February 5 at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish in West Bend, Wisconsin.