



Marge Morrison CoL

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Co-member Marge Morrison died Monday, March 7, in St. Louis. She was long-time resident of Webster Groves and Kirkwood, Missouri, most recently residing at Sunrise of Des Peres and Bethesda Gardens. She was a member of St. Peter's parish in Kirkwood.

Marge became a co-member in 1993, having been involved with Loretto for many years through her sister, Ellen Patricia Casey SL.

Marge attended Holy Redeemer and Nerinx Hall in St. Louis and graduated from Webster College in 1936. She spent some time in radio work before marrying Robert C. Morrison in 1942. Rob died in 1969. They had four children. After her husband's death, Marge worked at Cedarcraft Nursing Home as Activity Director.

All who knew Marge attested to her enthusiasm for life and her robust support of social justice. She was generous to Loretto as well as to special causes of peace and justice. When she was still able, she was frequently a participant at marches and other actions protesting war or supporting workers¹ rights and other human rights. Loretto archives show that in 2001 she signed the statement that in the

case of her death, “under no circumstances whatsoever will my death result in the capital punishment of another human being.”

She was active as a volunteer with many groups, among them Darst Peabody Webbe Housing and Cochran Housing Complex, the soup kitchen of her parish, Bread for the World, Clergy and Laity Concerned and Institute for the Study of Peace and Justice. In her affirmation of Marge as a co-member, Mary Ann McGivern added St. Louis Catholics for Peace and Justice, the United Farm Workers Support Group, Clergy and Laity Concerned, and the Catholic Worker (again, among others). Despite her busy schedule she found time for Loretto events as well, always adding a cheerful face and a serious purpose. Elizabeth Ann Compton, Marge¹'s contact person through the co-membership process, noted that although Marge was concerned about not bringing enough, she ³already contributes financially and, more importantly, she supports all our efforts and is quite active in letter writing for social injustices.² E.A. even said that ³she reads all the materials that Loretto sends and acts when action is called for.²

When asked about her expectations of the Loretto Community on her application for co-membership, she replied, ³I really have no expectations other than, I guess, the chance to continue to grow as a caring person with Loretto members as the inspiration and friends that you are.² Among her gifts she would bring she said, ³I bring warmth, openness, caring, a desire to grow in concern for life around me—in family, neighborhood, with elderly and ill friends—coupled with hope and concern for some of the problems in our world today.² She added, ³Yikes! That sounds pompous!² As Anne Spillane mentioned in her letter of support for Marge¹'s co-membership, ³Marge is anything but pompous.²

Loretto friends who were especially important to her included a litany of Loretto saints: Francis Jane, Ellen Patricia, Marie Clyde, Flaget, Charlotte Marie, Jean Patrice, Francis de Chantal, and many others. Friends throughout Loretto who were privileged to know Marge Morrison remarked often of her sense of humor along with her passion for justice. We are grateful for her life among us.