



Jean Kramer CoL

July 31, 1937 — December 23, 2008

Jean Kramer, a co-member of Loretto since 1977, died on Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at 10:30 in the morning, after a long and courageous battle with kidney disease. She was born in 1937 in Calgary, Canada and, after finishing high school, graduated from nursing school.

She became acquainted with Loretto through Sister Jean Patrice and Sister Pat Denny and worked with Jean Patrice's senior citizen housing project, eventually becoming the nurse at Carter Place, the senior citizen residence that Jean was able to have built. After Jean Patrice and Pat left Canada, Jean continued her work at Carter Place, eventually moving to the Center. When she was no longer able to provide nursing care she worked in pastoral care with the residents, taking Communion to numerous seniors in various living situations in downtown Calgary.

Jean met other Loretto members when she spent the summer of 1978 working at the Motherhouse in the Infirmary and also working in the garden.

In her original application for co-membership Jean wrote that she wanted to be a part of Loretto because she felt that she could extend Loretto's vision through her own work with the poor, the handicapped and the elderly. Later, when she herself was too sick

to work, she wrote in her renewal for co-membership: it is now time for me to belong to Loretto by sharing in your vision of prayer and sacrifice.

Jean's life was one of simplicity - she never met a stranger - always giving food to the hungry, clothes to the poor, nourishment to strangers, and visiting the lonely.

Rosemary Chinnici was with Jean and her family when they all chose together to terminate dialysis and Rosemary asked her if she understood what this meant. Jean replied: "Yes, I will finally be with all the cards." "What cards?", Rosemary asked. Jean replied: "the cards I get of all the Loretto members that have died. I keep getting the cards, and I keep praying for them, but now I finally get to meet them all and it will be wonderful." Jean lived a life of simplicity - filled with great faith and many hidden and numerous good works. Well done, good and faithful servant