



Marietta Barman, S.D.S.

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>August 11, 1934</i>
<i>Date of Commitment</i>	<i>May 31, 2004</i>
<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>July 19, 2010</i>

Marietta Barman was born on a farm near East Bristol, Wisconsin and was baptized Dolores Bernardine at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was the fifth of twelve children born to Edward and Frances Barman.. She attended St Joseph's Elementary School in East Bristol and Sacred Heart High School in Sun Prairie before attending Divine Savior High School and joining the Sisters of the Divine Savior. When she became a sister, she took the name of Marietta which she kept for the rest of her life. She graduated from Marquette University in 1969 with Bachelor of Arts degree. She received a Masters in Theological Studies in 1981 from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Marietta spent many years as a religious sister before discerning that God was calling her elsewhere. After she left the Sisters of the Divine Savior in 1990, Marietta maintained a close connection with the Salvatorians and in 2001 she began the process to become a Lay Salvatorian. In her request to make commitment, she spoke of being greatly blessed as a Sister of the Divine Savior, and how those blessings remained with her. It was obvious in her letter how deeply Salvatorian that she was.

Marietta did many things in her life. She taught elementary school, worked in Child Welfare – foster care & adoption services in Milwaukee County, taught cognitive disability and dyslexic children, dabbled in sketching & painting and she knew her God. Prayer held an important place in her heart. She began her day with prayer, reflecting on the scriptures. She purchased spiritual reading books or withdrew books from the Sisters' Spiritual Development Library. She participated in a sabbatical in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2006. She made a yearly retreat and was sad that she couldn't go to the Redemptorist Retreat Center this July even though she had already made a retreat with the Sisters at the Salvatorian Sisters Residence.

Marietta never forgot her home parish and enjoyed going back to visit the people there. She loved talking to people and easily engaged people in conversation wherever she was. She had an open heart for people of different cultures. She enjoyed the family vacations she took each year for the past 10 years and family holiday gatherings. She loved all of nature from bugs to trees and flowers. Her special love was cats. She enjoyed sitting quietly by a lake. Through her illness this past year, her appreciation for flowers, birds and trees seemed more evident. Perhaps it was because she spent more time alone and had the time to reflect and enjoy nature. Frequently, on her ride to therapy, she would say: "Look at those trees, aren't they beautiful"? She was very conscious of recycling and caring for the earth.

Marietta was a very strong person with an independent spirit. When she set a goal for herself, she was tenacious in trying to achieve it. She was bound and determined to beat the cancer that ravaged her body. Through it all, she kept a hopeful spirit and a positive attitude. Marietta, we will miss your laugh, your smile, your determination and spunk.

Marietta is survived by eight siblings, including Salvatorian Sisters Jane and Rita Barman.