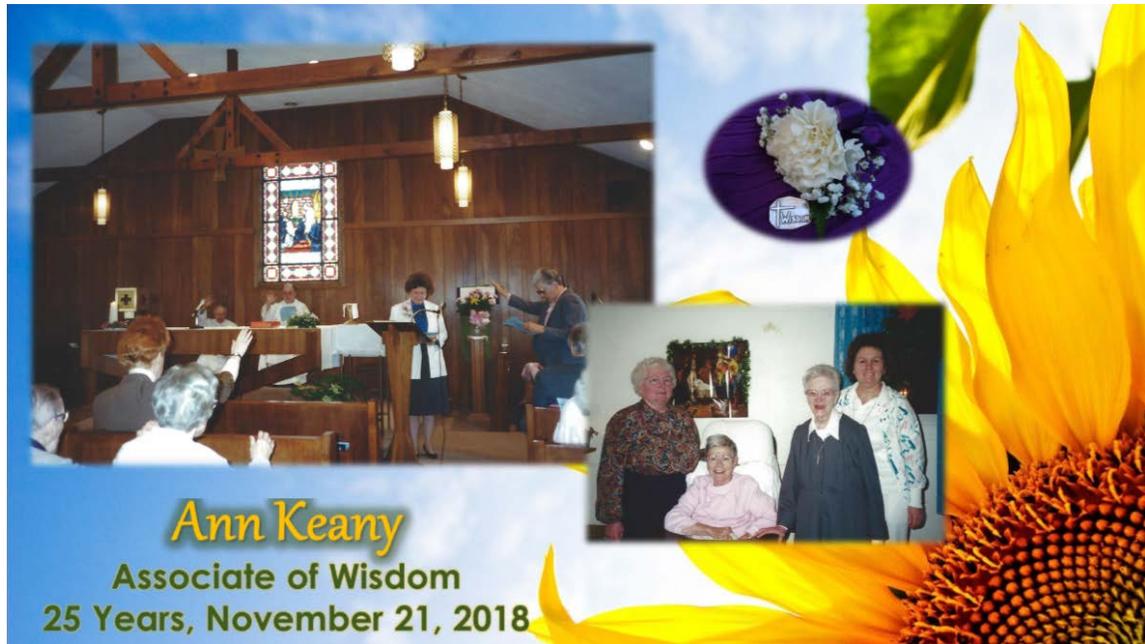


**ANN KEANY
ASSOCIATE OF WISDOM
NOVEMBER 21, 2018
25TH JUBILEE**



REMEMBERING ANN KEANY

Ann Keany is fondly remembered by some of the nurses who are still on the staff at Sound Beach. Here are a few things that they remember about Ann.

Ann was a super-devoted wife. Her husband had left her early on, but when, many years later, he fell ill with a brain tumor, Ann took him back into her home and nursed him until the day he died. A friend who knew them both said, "He knew in his heart the kind of person Ann is, and he instinctively came home because he trusted her."

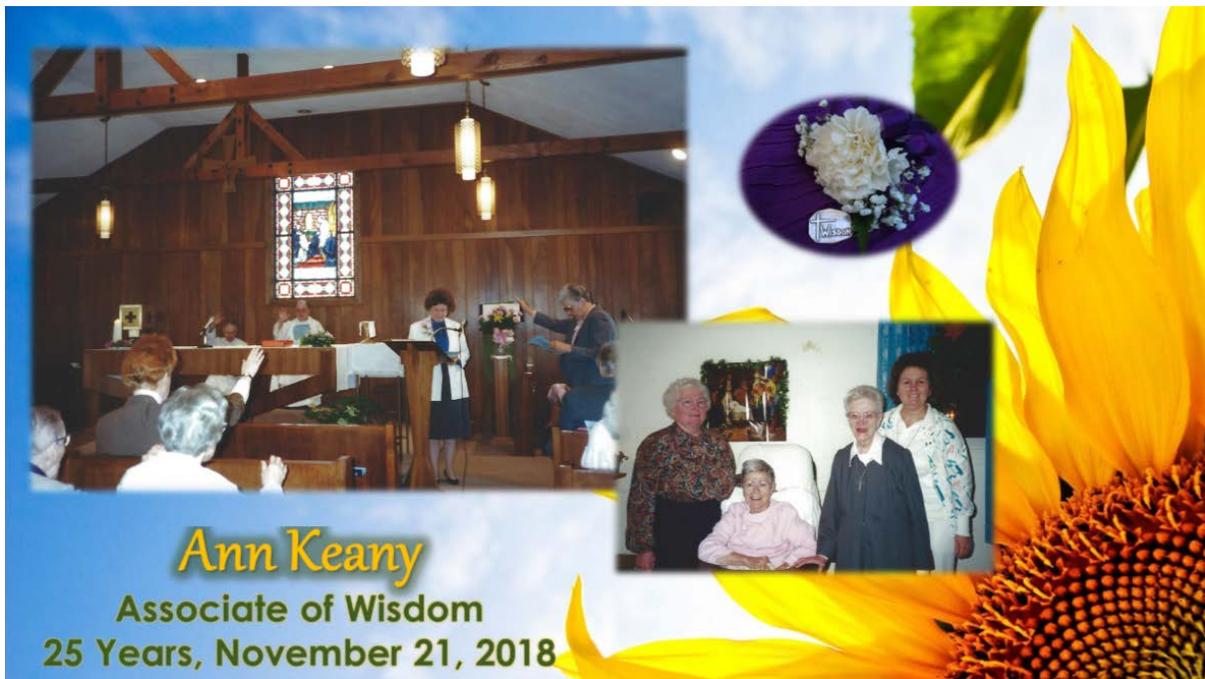
Ann was and is the devoted mother of five children. After her husband had left her, she had to take over the care and nurturing of all of them. While she was working at Sound Beach, she often had to work another job at the same time in order to support her children.

The great tragedy of her life was the death of her Son, Joe. To help people to understand the kind of a man he was, Ann used to tell this story. "One of my colleagues at work, had a daughter who was desolate because she didn't have a date for her high school prom. Now, Joe was a very handsome guy, so I asked him whether he would consider taking her. And he did! He was so good-looking and so gracious, that the girl had a delightful time and never forgot that wonderful night of her life."

Joe was a long-distance runner, and one day, when he was 28 years old, he went for a run, came home for a shower, went to rest on his bed, and abruptly died of a brain aneurism. Joe was such a role model, that a "Fun Run" was set up in his honor by his friends and associates. This year, on June 3rd, marked the twenty-first time this run has been held.

Despite the burdens of her life, Ann was an easy-going and fun-loving person. Once, a group of the nurses from Sound Beach went to Atlantic City for a Religious Conference. While others were struggling with their luggage, Ann was very relaxed, for she had made the journey with only a shopping bag. On that trip, during one of the breaks, Ann wandered out to the boardwalk, blowing bubbles, and enjoying every moment of it.

Ann loved the spirit she found among the Daughters of Wisdom, and so she became an associate. Although her live circumstances obliged her to move upstate, she has tenaciously found ways to keep in touch, and maintain her contacts as an Associate of Wisdom.



IN HER OWN WORDS



Ann is very modest in her presentation of herself. Here is the letter she sent us for this celebration.

Dear Sisters and Associates,

To begin with, let me say that my heart is with you on such a joyous day.

My 25 years as an Associate of Wisdom have included years when I worked as a nurse at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sound Beach.... many wonderful years.

After moving to central New York State, near Syracuse, it has been a true gift to me to work for years with the Alzheimer's and Memory Care community.

After retiring last year at age 75, I now work as volunteer and occasionally as a temporary companion.

Finally, with the magic of the internet, I am able to continue to be a part of the associate program by uniting with them to pray for those who request prayer.

It has been a blessing for me to have been, in my small way, a part of this community.

***In His Peace,
Ann Lavery-Keany, June 25, 2018***