

On April 21st, 2021 our Lord Jesus Christ called our dear Sister Josefa, who so much longed for heaven, home to Himself, very quickly and unexpectedly.

*Sister of Mary Josefa*

(Friederike Anna Dorothea Margarete Faber)  
December 30, 1934 — April 21, 2021

Sister Josefa and her two siblings grew up in a God-fearing family. Their childhood was marked by the dark shadow of war. Especially painful was the absence of her father, who had been drafted as a soldier in the German Army. The parents did not join the Hitler Party, which meant that the family had to endure many difficulties and disadvantages in the social climate of the time. At the age of sixteen, at a girls' Bible study, Sister Josefa surrendered her life to Jesus wanting Him to be her Savior and Redeemer: "the happiest experience of my youth," she said. After finishing school and a year of housekeeping, she trained as a medical assistant. Sister Josefa planned her future - but Jesus planned her life by calling her to join the Sisterhood of Mary in Darmstadt. The date of her entrance into the Sisterhood nine years later coincided exactly with the date she gave her life to Jesus at the age of sixteen. She was named after Joseph of Arimathea, who gave Jesus a resting place after He was taken down from the cross.



In 1967 Sister Josefa was sent out to help begin our branch in Phoenix, Arizona, Canaan in the Desert. These years there were filled with building projects on Canaan, many ministry trips throughout the USA, to bookstores, Christian conferences, and to retreats where she strengthened friends of Canaan in various states with the messages that the Lord had given Mother Basilea for the situation in our world. The Lord used Sister Josefa to bless many people in many countries through her testimony of love for Jesus.

During the time frame 1979-1982 she helped found our branch in Australia, Canaan of God's Comfort. In the summer of 1982 she returned to the Phoenix branch where they needed her help with her many gifts and talents. She served there until returning to our Motherhouse in Germany in 1995. Sister Josefa was always cheerfully and lovingly ready to help wherever needed, including many years at the guest reception office. Until a few months before the Lord called her home, she was faithfully and lovingly serving by caring for some of our Sisters who were residents in our assisted living home, „Jesus Peace“.

A special Bible verse that was a source of strength and support throughout her life was the Scripture she received at her confirmation: "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" Matth. 28:20.

In great gratitude for the richly blessed life of our Sister Josefa, we commit her back into God's loving hands and presence, where she can now see Jesus, face to face, the One she loved and who directed and filled her life.

The funeral service and memorial took place at Kanaan in Darmstadt, April 27th, 2021.

With warmest greetings from  
All the Sisters of Mary,  
Sisters of the Crown of Thorns and  
Canaan Franciscan Brothers

