

## **Evelyn Smith TSSF**

Evelyn died peacefully at home after a long illness. She never in all her time lost her Franciscan faith which was initially gained following a quiet day led by Brother Edward in Kibworth back in 1979. With Harold, her husband, and Shirley Lee they became some of the first Franciscans to join the TSSF in Leicestershire. All three were professed in 1981.

Evelyn had many talents but most will remember her hospitality, it had all the hallmarks of Franciscan simplicity with genuine love and care, welcoming new aspirants and others to their home to discover what Franciscan life in the Third Order could be like. They both had the ability to make everyone feel welcome. Always faithful in her church and Franciscan life, worshipping regularly in the parish church, leading bible study groups, as well as painting and prayer sessions.

The small group of Third Order members met frequently in their bungalow, always with something nice cooked and served with such joy, and many happy times were shared in a lifelong journey of Franciscan love. She will be sorely missed but is at last with her Lord at rest and peace.

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