



**Sr. Veronique Geeroms** was born in Ninove, Belgium part of the Low Countries, the land of mystics. And she was a 'mystic' of the ordinary daily monastic life. She comes from a loving and united family whom she keeps alive in her heart. Faith shaped her life at a young age where she was one of the leaders of her local 'Catholic Worker Group'. There her heart was formed to serve the 'other' and her outreach to the poor never left her. She entered Our Lady of Nazareth in 1960. Soon after her temporary profession she was sent on the foundation of Our Lady of the Redwoods where she professed her solemn vows in 1966. Sr. Veronique was a pillar of Redwoods and a beloved soul friend to so many guests. Her monastic life was the fertile soil which continued to expand the horizon of her life. Always the 'other' was first. She served as guest sister for over forty years, was Prioress and was responsible for the kitchen. Wisdom flowed through her like water flowing through a vibrant stream. She was not aware of the depth of her wisdom, her humility so apparent in who she was. Quick to ask forgiveness to anyone she hurt, always ready to change and grow even in her older age. It goes without saying that our community and guests will miss her greatly. Our solace is that we have her prayer as she rests now in the sacred heart of Christ, the One who was always the center of her life.

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