

In Memoriam



Cluny Affiliate Andries Helt, MD

Dr. Andries Helt passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on June 6, 2021 at the age of 91.

Andries and his wife Dr. Maria Helt were born and raised in Holland. They immigrated to Canada, where they founded their medical career and their family in Hamilton, Ontario.

It was around the same time that Cluny Sisters arrived in St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton. A long relationship began between the Helts and the Cluny community. The Helt's friendship and support of the community and their interest in Cluny missions around the world led to their becoming Cluny Affiliates.

A compassionate and dedicated physician, Andries delivered babies, performed minor surgeries, made house calls, worked in the hospital, caring for his patients throughout their lifetime. Andries exemplified the role of a traditional family doctor.

Forever in love, he will be sadly missed by his wife, Maria, of 65 years. He was the loving father of five children: Robert (Kathi), Frank, deceased in 2014 (Linda), Michael (Lori), Bruno (Julie), and Maureen. He is survived by his beloved sister Gerda "Tan".

His legacy includes 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Andries was predeceased by his sisters Jopie (of Holland) and Annie (of Australia).

Andries will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, friends, colleagues, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny.

United with Pope Francis
and our
sisters and brothers
of the Universal Church,
we pray for the success
of the Synod.

PRAYER

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We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of
the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.
