

~Psalm 63 RSV~

*O God, thou art my God, I seek thee,
my soul thirsts for thee;
my flesh faints for thee,
as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
beholding thy power and glory.
Because thy steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise thee.
So I will bless thee as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.
My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips,
when I think of thee upon my bed,
and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;
for thou hast been my help,
and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to thee;
thy right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall glory;
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.*

In Loving Memory Of

Sister Bernadette Beamsley, DLF

November 15, 1956

March 11, 2026

Omaha, Nebraska

Prayer Town, Texas

FUNERAL MASS

Saturday, March 14, 2026 10:00 AM

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel

Prayer Town, Texas

CELEBRANT

Reverend Mitch Przepiora

Immaculate Conception Church

MUSIC

Sisters of the Disciples of the
Lord Jesus Christ

INTERMENT

Prayer Town Cemetery



Sister Bernadette was born on November 15, 1956, in Omaha, Nebraska, and was named Nancy Ann by her beloved parents, Judson and Lorayne Beamsley. Raised in a loving family, she grew up with a deep appreciation for faith and service to others. She attended the University of Illinois at the Medical Center of Chicago, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Sister Bernadette was working as an Occupational Therapist in South Elgin, Illinois, when she responded to the Lord's call to religious life. In her younger years, she also worked as a lifeguard at the YMCA, taught swimming lessons, and participated in First Aid and CPR training.

At the age of 24, she entered the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in Prayer Town on February 2, 1981. Upon entering the Community, she received the name Sister Bernadette, inspired by St. Bernadette of Lourdes. She professed her first vows on April 4, 1983, and joyfully gave her entire life to Jesus Christ through her perpetual vows on April 20, 1987.

At the heart of Sister Bernadette's vocation was a profound call to evangelization. She had a deep love for proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ to everyone she encountered and never missed an opportunity to pray with someone for healing, hope, and renewed faith. Her service within the Community was marked by a deep trust in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Those who knew Sister Bernadette remember her joyful faith, her bold love for the Gospel, and her readiness to encourage others to encounter the living presence of Christ.

Sister Bernadette served the Community in many capacities throughout her years of religious life, including as the Community's second Superior General from 1995 to 2001. She also served as a Council Member, Director of Formation, Director of Novices, and Local House Superior in Miami, Florida, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, among many other roles of leadership and service. Her missionary heart led her to evangelize in many parts of the world, including China, Poland, Uganda, and several other countries. She had a particular passion for forming the laity in their own call to evangelization, helping many people discover their mission in the Church.

In her later years, Sister Bernadette continued to serve the Lord through her prayer, encouragement, and steadfast faith. Her life remains a witness to the joy of giving oneself completely to Christ and to the mission of the Gospel.

Sister Bernadette is survived by her three siblings, Jeffrey Foster Beamsley and wife Teri, Suzanne Diane Chubinski, and James "Jim" Charles Beamsley and wife Susan, along with her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and many extended family members. She is also lovingly remembered by her Sisters in the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the countless people whose lives were touched by her faith, her prayer, and her witness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

We thank God for the gift of Sister Bernadette's life and vocation, and we rejoice in the promise that she now shares fully in the joy of the Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully.

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