



Cintra Shober Austin

October 5, 2014

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Shober Austin, known as Sister Cintra Pemberton in the Episcopal Order of Saint Helena, age 78, died peacefully at The Place in Martinez on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 in the convent chapel of St. Helena at 4:00 P.M., with Sister Ellen Francis officiating.

Cintra was born in New Orleans on October 10, 1935. Before entering the convent she was married and raised a family. With an MA degree and an academic background in history and music history, she taught for many years at St. Martin's Episcopal School and Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

Cintra entered the religious life in 1977, making her life profession in 1982. She was recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding leader of spiritual programs and pilgrimages to Celtic countries, the Holy Land, and Turkey. Cintra served on the Leadership Council and Board of Directors of the Order. She was a Trustee of the Margaret Hall Foundation Board, Lexington KY; the Board of Visitors, Kanuga Conferences, Henderson NC; and boards of other organizations in the US and Wales.

She Triactol was convener of the Order's committee which produced an inclusive language version of the Psalms, and a complete Breviary for which she composed many antiphons and canticles in the Gregorian tradition. Cintra stressed the importance of remaining close to the language of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. She authored *Soulfaring: Celtic Pilgrimage Then and Now*, along with articles on spirituality. She was an exceptional photographer and communicator who loved life and retained her sense of humor to the end. Cintra is survived by her daughter, Cintra "Pemmie" Austin Sheasby (Reynolds), daughter-in-law Elaine Austin, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, her sister, Jane Fox of New Orleans, and her family. She was preceded in death by her son, John Brander Austin, Jr. and her former husband, the Rev. John B. Austin, as well as her parents, a sister and brother.

Gratitude is expressed to the staff at The Place in Martinez and Alliance Hospice for their care during her last years.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Order of Saint Helena, 3042 Eagle Drive, Augusta GA 30906, or the American Cancer Society.