



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

June 28 had been a glorious summer day. As the sun set and the night sky spoke of quiet and peace, Sister Patricia Britt's earthly journey concluded as she responded to the Lord's call to "Come home." At 8:25 PM, just two days before her 79th birthday, Pat's long struggle with illness came to an end as she entered into the glory of eternity.

Patricia Joann Britt was born to Charles and Leonore Britt on July 1, 1930 in Columbus, Ohio. She was the couple's first child and soon became "big sister" to Dolores, Charles, Jeanine and James.

Pat attended St. Mary Grade and High School in Columbus. After her high school graduation in 1948, she worked as a secretary for over three years at an insurance company. She soon realized that, in spite of several promotions in this job, she did not feel fulfilled. In her application for admission to the Congregation she wrote: "After three years of working in the world, I still feel that I have a vocation for the religious life and I won't be satisfied with myself until I at least try." Pat was accepted and entered the postulancy September 4, 1951. On August 12, 1952, she was received into the novitiate and given the name Sister André.

Sister André's novitiate classmates can attest to her lively sense of humor as well as her ability to see the light side in the most unlikely situations. She could change the tone of a group with one of her unexpected "quippy" remarks, and everyone would have a good laugh.

On August 12, 1954, Sister Pat made her first profession of vows. At various times after profession, she was assigned to teach in elementary schools and high schools in Illinois and Ohio. In 1962 she was given permission to begin her training to become a nurse. She began her studies at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago. Her career took her to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home for three years.

Alleluia!



Sister Patricia Britt, OSF

In 1969, Pat and her devoted mentor and dear friend, Sister Loretta Wagner (also known lovingly as "Mim" but whom Pat referred to as "Miriam") left OLA to begin working at the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas. Here Pat worked and trained at the M.D. Anderson Tumor/Cancer Research Center, where she displayed great skill in the application of investigational drugs and the treatment of patients in specialized sterile environments. Both Sisters Pat and Loretta remained in Texas until 1973. That year both applied to Resurrection Hospital in Chicago where they served until 1996.

Illness weakened Pat and she eventually returned home to the Motherhouse and then to Our Lady of Angels. Over the years, as Pat's health deteriorated, Sister Loretta Wagner, as well as other aides, nurses and sisters were always present to Pat through many painful struggles.

Now that these struggles are over for Sister Pat, we rejoice with her as she experiences an Eternity we cannot even imagine. We pray that she finds health, peace and great joy in the presence of the Lord she loved and served. Amen. Alleluia.

Sister Patricia Britt, OSF

July 1, 1930 — June 28, 2009

<i>Born:</i>	July 1, 1930
<i>Parents:</i>	Charles and Leonore (Reeb) Britt
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 4, 1951
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1952
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1954
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1957
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	June 28, 2009

Ministry History

1954-1956	Teacher: Grade 4; St. Francis De Sales; Toledo, Ohio
1956-1957	Teacher: Grade 5; St. Paul the Apostle; Joliet, Illinois
1957-1958	Teacher: Grade 5; Immaculate Conception; Toledo, Ohio
1958-1960	Teacher: Business Courses, History, Religion; St. Francis de Sales High School; Chicago, Illinois
1960—1961	Teacher: Business Courses; St. Francis Academy; Joliet, Illinois
1961 –January 1963	Teacher: Science, History; Marybrook Academy; Maumee, Ohio
1963-1966	Student: Little Company of Mary Nursing Hospital; Evergreen Park, Illinois
1966-1969	Nurse: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home; Joliet, Illinois
1969-1973	Nurse: Texas Medical Center; Houston, Texas
1973—1996	Nurse: Resurrection Hospital; Chicago, Illinois
1996 –1997	Community Service, Chicago, Illinois
1997–2001	Community Service, Motherhouse, Joliet, Illinois
2001—2009	Community Service, Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois

<i>Wake:</i>	Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Prayer Service:</i>	Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Thursday, July 2, 2009, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 7, Grave Site 10, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Charles and Leonore (Reeb) Britt and brother-in-law Peter Burns
<i>Survived by:</i>	Brothers: Charles (Judi) and James Britt and Sisters Dolores Britt and Jeanine Burns

Rest in Peace, Sister Patricia