



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

On the evening of August 25, our Sister Anne Marie Furiel was called by the Lord she loved and served so well to enter into eternal peace and joy — where heavenly choirs no doubt welcomed her!

Born January 31, 1925, to Olga (Hermann) Furiel and Thomas Furiel, Anne Marie was baptized Anna Mae but later was called Anne Marie. She was raised in Joliet and attended St. Francis Academy (now Joliet Catholic Academy) and the College of St. Francis (now the University of St. Francis) where she earned both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees.

Anne Marie entered the postulancy of the Joliet Franciscans on February 1, 1942 – just one day after her seventeenth birthday. When she became a novice she was given the name “Sister Grace Cecile.” Years later she returned to the name by which we know her – Sister Anne Marie.

Her great love of music and her desire to use her talent to bring joy to others were strong motivating forces in her life. Even as a young girl she and her sisters Pauline Ann and Verna formed a singing group called “The Melody Ripplettes” and sang at church bazaars. These talented sisters were all inspired by the beauty of music.

Sister Anne Marie’s desire to bring the joy of music to others inspired her to become available to a variety of groups. In 1975, for example, she directed a senior citizen choral group called “The Joysters” at the Senior Services Center. This group performed, under the direction of Sister Anne Marie, at nursing homes, parishes and churches of other denominations.

Sister Anne Marie had a knack for spreading joy and bringing out the best in people – especially the talents of senior citizens. She had a gift for getting them to enter into the joy of the moment and for getting them involved with the music.

Alleluia!



Sister Anne Marie Furiel, CSF

Besides choral directing, Sister Anne Marie loved performing. From the age of 4 she used to entertain family, friends and neighbors. While living at Our Lady of Angels, she would often play the piano in the C-1 Auditorium, and residents would hasten to listen to her play.

While living at the Motherhouse, Sister Anne Marie was often called upon by various groups to direct, play the organ or piano, or play at a parish in need of a musician. When she didn’t have a ride, she would travel on her large tricycle to those places where she was needed. It goes without saying that Anne Marie was unique and creative!

Over the years Sister Anne Marie has received much praise for her outstanding services as a volunteer. She was awarded by Catholic Charities for serving with “endless love and dedication.” Anne Marie will always be remembered for her desire to bring joy into the lives of the elderly. She once said that working with older adults is rewarding because “these people have their lives together and they are at peace with themselves. They know about life and have so much to share.”

Anne Marie, may you know the peace and joy that only the Lord can give you! May the Choir of Angels welcome you!

Sister Anne Marie Furiel, OSF

January 31, 1925 — August 25, 2013

Born: January 31, 1925
Parents: Thomas Furiel and Olga (Hermann) Furiel
Postulancy: February 1, 1942
Novitiate: August 12, 1942
First Profession: August 12, 1944
Final Profession: August 12, 1947
Entered New Life: August 25, 2013

Ministry History

1945-1948 Teacher / Assistant Organist: Grade 2, Beginners Piano; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, Illinois
1948-1949 Teacher: Grades 2, 3, 4 and Young Ladies Choir; Assumption, Chicago
1949-1950 Teacher: Grade 3 and Beginners Piano; St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, Ohio
1950-1951 Teacher: Grades 6, 7 and Choir; St. Mary, Des Plaines, Illinois
1951-1952 Teacher: Grades 3, 4 and Choir; St. Paul, Joliet
1952-1953 Teacher / Assistant Organist: Grades 4, 5, 6 and Piano; Sacred Heart, Englewood
1953-1954 Teacher / Organist: Grades 4, 5, 6; Holy Family, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1954-1956 Teacher: Music, Orchestra, Music Appreciation; St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1956-1957 Teacher / Organist: Music; Holy Family, Cleveland, Ohio
1957-1958 Teacher / Organist: Music; St. Ludmilla, Chicago
1958-1960 Teacher / Organist: Grades 3, 4 and Music; Sacred Heart, Huron, Chicago
1960-1962 Teacher / Organist: Grades 5, 6 and Music; St. Stephen, Streator, Illinois
1962-1963 Teacher / Organist: Music; St. Procopius, Chicago
1963-1964 Teacher / Organist: St. Raymond and St. Clement, Joliet
1964-1965 Teacher: Grade 5; St. Bernard, Joliet
1965-1969 Teacher: Grade 6, Organ, Language Arts, Music; St. Ludmilla, Chicago
1969-1974 Teacher: Music; St. Mary, Des Plaines
1974-1975 Sacristan / Aide / Activity: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1975-1976 Sacristan / Aide / Activity / Assistant Local Coordinator: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
1976-1977 Special Ministry: Motherhouse, Joliet
1977-1978 Accompanist: St. Ann, and Joliet Park District, Joliet area
1978-1979 Organist / Choir Director: Sacred Heart, Joliet
1979-1980 Organist / Choir Director: Sacred Heart, Joliet; Joyster Moderator: Joliet Park District
1980-1984 Recreational Therapist / Music Specialist: Joliet Park District, Joliet
1984-1985 Music Ministry: St. Joe's, Manhattan, Illinois
1985-1986 Organist / Choir Director: St. Adelbert, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1986-1988 Pastoral Associate / Music: St. Joseph, Appleton, Wisconsin
1988-1990 Organist: St Benedict, Illinois / Music Therapist: Washington Jane Smith, Chicago
1990-1993 Director of Joysters, Joliet Park District, Joliet
1993-1998 Organist / Music Specialist: Joliet area
1998-1999 Musician: Assisi Heights, Rochester, Minnesota
1999-2007 Music Ministry: Joliet area
2007-2013 Music Ministry / Community Service: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

Wake: Thursday, August 29, 2013, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Prayer Service: Thursday, August 29, 2013, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, August 29, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Burial: Friday, August 30, 2013, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Illinois
Interment: Section 8, Lot 362, Grave 10, Resurrection Cemetery
Predeceased by: Her parents Thomas Furiel and Olga (Hermann) Furiel and her brother, Louis Sedivy and sisters, Mary Lou Paul, Therese Krutsch, Rosalie Furiel and Sr. Verna Furiel, OSF
Survived by: Her sisters, Sr. Pauline Ann Furiel, OSF and Olga (Edward) Matesivic

Rest in Peace, Sister Anne Marie