

Alleluia!

Sister M. Clarita Klainoski, OSF



A native Chicagoan, Sister Clarita Klainoski was born on August 30, 1910 to John and Sophie Koziol Klainoski. She was baptized Anna Rosalia at St. Hyacinth's in Chicago. Anna was one of five children. Her only brother Louis and two of her sisters, Josephine and Sophie, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister Caroline.

Anna attended Chicago Public Schools, graduating from C. A. Thorp Grammar School and completing a two-year vocational course in stenography at Carl Schurz High School in 1926. She worked for several years at a manufacturing company and received a certificate for efficiency on the Comptometer calculating machine. After entering the congregation, she completed her high school education at St. Francis Academy and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of St. Francis.

Sometime during her childhood, the family moved to St. Pascal's Parish where Anna made her First Communion. She once stated that the person who most influenced her life was Sister Rosella, who was the first contact she had with our Sisters. As she put it, "I loved her dearly."

On September 8, 1932 Anna came to Joliet to begin her postulancy. She entered the Novitiate on August 12, 1933 and received the name Sister M. Clarita.

After professing first vows on August 12, 1935, Sister Clarita began 41 years of ministry as a teacher at St. Clement's in Chicago. She taught primarily in grades 3 through 7 at various parish schools in Illinois, Ohio, Colorado and Missouri. This included 7 years at St. Peter's in Mansfield, Ohio and 13 years at her home parish of St. Pascal's in Chicago. Sister Clarita was a good and conscientious teacher and loved the children.

In 1976 Sister Clarita moved back to the Motherhouse and assumed the ministry of sacristan, a position she held for 16 years. She enjoyed her duties which ranged from maintenance of vestments, to being hostess to priests and bishops, to being know-

ledgeable of all the changes that were taking place during this age of liturgical renewal. As well as being sacristan, Sister Clarita served as receptionist and continued her ministry of education as a tutor for the St. Francis Education Center. In 1992 Sister Clarita retired from active ministry. She continued to live at the Motherhouse until 1997 when she moved to Our Lady of Angels.

These last four years Sister Clarita became more frail. However, it was only a few weeks ago that she was diagnosed with cancer. Then, just before dawn on Friday, June 8th, Sister Clarita quietly went home to her God.

Sister Clarita was always known as an easygoing, obliging and charitable person. She had a quick and dry wit. She loved people and once wrote that her concept of community life was "chiefly expressed in sharing...sharing of responsibility, sharing a life of prayer, a sincere giving of oneself to help others." In her later years she could be found walking outside or up and down the halls, conversing with whomever she met. And all would always be greeted with a friendly "Hi!"

Sister Clarita you once wrote that the highlight of your life was your decision to enter the Congregation. We thank you for living in community with us and for ministering as teacher, sacristan and receptionist these 67 years. As you begin your eternity with the God you served so faithfully throughout your life, remember us your family, your friends, your Franciscan sisters. Amen! Alleluia!

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30 August 1910 - 8 June 2001

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Born: August 30, 1910, Chicago, Illinois
Parents: John and (Agnes) Sophia (Koziol) Klainoski
Entered From: St. Pascal, Chicago, Illinois
Postulancy: September 8, 1932
Novitiate: August 12, 1933
Profession: August 12, 1935
Entered New Life: Friday, June 8, 2001, at Our Lady of Angels at 4:10 a.m.

Ministry History

1935 - 1939 Teacher, Grade 3,5; St. Clement, Chicago, IL
 1939 - 1943 Teacher, Grades 7; St. Mary, Columbus, OH
 1943 - 1944 Teacher, Grade 6; St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
 1944 - 1945 Teacher, Grade 6; Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL
 1945 - 1947 Teacher, Grade 7; St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL
 1947 - 1948 Teacher, Grades 4, 5 & 6; St. Dionysius, Benton, MO
 1948 - 1955 Teacher, Grades 5, 6 & 7; St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
 1955 - 1958 Teacher, Grades 6 & 7; St. Mary, DesPlaines, IL
 1958 - 1962 Teacher, Grades 3 & 4; St. John, Loveland, CO
 1962 - 1963 Teacher, Grade 6; Immacualte Conception, Columbus, OH
 1963 - 1976 Teacher, Grades 4 & 6; St. Pascal, Chicago, IL
 1976 - 1992 Sacristan/Tutor; St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
 1992 - 1997 Retired; St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
 1997 - 2001 Retired; Our Lady of Angels Retirement home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Sunday, June 10, 2001, 2 - 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Wake Service: Sunday, June 10, 2001, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, June 10, 2001, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Burial: Monday, June 11, 2001; leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m.
 to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL

Interment S8 - L334 - G4

Survived by: A sister, Caroline Landergren and nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, Sister M. Clarita