

# Alleluia!

## Sister Clara Lustick, OSF



Sister Clara Lustick was born Clara Maria Lustick on September 5, 1914, to Frank and Antonia (Zbacnik) Lustick in Bonifas, Michigan, and was baptized on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Parish. She was the third oldest of eight children. Sister Clara was preceded in death by one brother, Frank, and three sisters, Ann, Nettie and Lillian; she is survived by one brother, Walter, and two sisters, Margaret and Bernadine.

In her childhood, the family moved to Joliet, Illinois, and it was from St. Joseph Parish in Joliet that Clara entered the convent on September 8, 1930. At her reception the following year, Clara received the religious name of Sister Mary Silveria. She kept this name for many years until she decided to return to her baptismal name of Clara, being henceforth known as Sister Clara Lustick. She professed her first vows in 1933 and her final vows in 1936.

Sister Clara graduated from St. Joseph School and St. Francis Academy in Joliet, Illinois. She furthered her education by receiving a B.A. degree from the College of St. Francis with a major in History and a minor in Education. She also attended many workshops and received certificates such as the In-Service Art Workshop Award from Binney and Smith, Inc. Sister Clara is credited with professional certification from the Seraphic Institute of Theology, hosted by the College of St. Francis. Sister Clara's educational career was over 60 years long, teaching in schools in Alabama, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. In Illinois she taught at Aurora, Chicago, Joliet, Sigel and her beloved Streator, where she spent over 20 years at three different times. It was from Streator, in 1996, that Sister Clara retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. We know from her stories that most of her years were spent teaching the little children and in doing remedial work. She loved her days as a teacher and it showed.

Sister Ottilia referred to Sister Silveria as respectful and patient, always ready to lend a helping hand. These same words and other very kind words were found in various personnel files throughout the years. We have certainly seen these qualities manifested in her days on mission, teaching during the school year and volunteering at our various institutions in the summers, and more specifically as she lived out these many days following her massive strokes. She remained cheerful and pleasant, even when she could no longer speak to us in words. She loved company and was very dedicated to her longtime friend, Sister Magdalene, and to Sister Rhea and the many other sisters, family and friends who spent time with her. She would smile and communicate by hand gestures until her request got answered, such as the closing of a window in her room.

Several days before her death, Sister Clara began to weaken. Many sisters and relatives were at her bedside praying with and for her, and singing some of her favorite songs. On the feast of the Holy Rosary, many friends prayed rosaries at her side. On the morning of October 8<sup>th</sup>, Sister Clara went quietly and peacefully home to her God whom she served so faithfully and loved so dearly.

We pray with and for all her family members, all her nieces and nephews who were so close to her and all her classmates, sisters and friends who will miss her. We thank you, Sister Clara, for all the love you shared with us, for all the stories you told and for all the kind qualities you modeled for us. We thank our God for the gift of you and pray that you may rest with all our sisters, your family and friends, and enjoy peace and joy forever.

Amen. Alleluia!

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**5 September 1914 - 8 October 2004**

*Born:* September 5, 1914  
*Parents:* Frank and Antonia (Zbacnik) Lustick  
*Entered From:* St. Joseph Parish, Joliet, IL  
*Postulancy:* September 8, 1930  
*Novitiate:* August 12, 1931  
*Profession:* August 12, 1936  
*Entered New Life:* Friday, October 8, 2004, at Our Lady of Angels at 11:45 a.m.

1933-1948	Teaching: Grades 1, 2, 3, 4; Sacred Heart – Englewood, Chicago, IL
1948-1949	Teaching: Grades 1, 2; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
1949-1952	Teaching: Grade 1; St. Mary, Fairfield, AL
1952-1954	Teaching: Grades 1, 2; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
1954-1955	Teaching: Grade 1; St. Procop, Cleveland, OH
1955-1959	Teaching: Grades 1, 2; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1959-1960	Teaching: Grade 6; St. Joseph, Joliet, IL
1960-1961	Teaching: Grades 1, 3; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1961-1962	Teaching: Grade 1; St. Bernard, Joliet, IL
1962-1964	Teaching: Grades 1, 2; Assumption, Chicago, IL
1964-1965	Teaching: Grade 1; Annunciation, Aurora, IL
1965-1967	Teaching: Grades 5, 6; Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL
1967-1969	Teaching: Grades 2, 3; St. Michael, Sigel, IL
1969-1970	Teaching: Grades 1, 2; Our Lady of Grace, Muskegon, MI
1970-1976	Teaching: Grade 2; St. Mary, Fairfield AL
1976-1994	Teaching: Grades 2, 3; St. John, Joliet, IL
1994-1995	Teaching: Grade 2; Annunciation, Aurora, IL
1995-1996	Teaching: Grade 2; SS Cyril & Methodius, Chicago, IL
1996-1997	Teaching: Remedial; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1997-1998	Educational Ministry; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
1998-2004	Volunteer; St. Stephen, Streator, IL
	Special Ministry; Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
	Volunteer; Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
	Retired

*Wake:* Monday, October 11, 2004, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet  
*Wake Service:* Monday, October 11, 2004, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet  
*Mass of Christian Burial:* Tuesday, October 12, 2004; leaving Our Lady of Angels at 8:30 a.m. to  
 Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL  
*Interment:* S8-L363-G8, Resurrection Cemetery

*Survived by:* Her sisters, Margaret Astorino and Bernadine (Stanley) Mufich; her brother, Walter (Josephine) Lustick; and nieces and nephews.

*Rest in Peace, Sister Clara*