

Sister Charlotte Marie Uridil, O.S.F. (Josephine)

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Born: December 10, 1928
Parents: Joseph and Marie (Mae Hulka) Uridil
Entered from: St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
Postulancy: September 4, 1946
Novitiate: August 12, 1947
Profession: August 12, 1949
Died: Sunday, January 5, 1997 the feast of the Epiphany at St. Joseph Medical Center at approximately 5:00 a.m.



Ministry:

1949 - 1951 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grade 3
1951 - 1952 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Grade 4
1952 - 1954 Sacred Heart Englewood, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1954 - 1956 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Grade 2, 3
1956 - 1957 Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 2
1957 - 1963 St. Mary, Fairfield, AL, Grade 1, 2, 3, Organist
1963 - 1968 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 3-4, Organist
1968 - 1970 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Nurses Aide
1970 - 1972 Study for position of Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.)
1972 - 1979 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, L.P.N.
1979 - 1980 Merkle/Knipprath Home, Clifton, IL, L.P.N.
1980 - 1984 North Aurora Manor, Aurora, IL, L.P.N.
1984 - 1986 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, L.P.N.
1986 - 1988 Health Care/private duty, Harvard, IL
1988 - 1989 Medical Records Clerk - St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL
1989 - 1997 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Medical Records Clerk

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Wednesday, January 8, 1997
2-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Wednesday, January 8, 1997
at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, January 9, 1997 leaving Our Lady of Angels 9:30 a.m.
to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G7

Survived by: her uncle, George Uridil, and aunt Anne DeGoe and many cousins.

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,
life is not ended, but merely changed.*

Sister Charlotte Marie Uridil was born in Chicago, on December 10, 1928 to Joseph and Marie Uridil. She was baptized at St. Procopius Church and attended the grade and high school in the parish. Shortly after her high school graduation, Charlotte came to Joliet to become a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters.

On August 12, 1947 Charlotte entered the novitiate and received the name of Sister Mary Josephine, and later returned to using her Baptismal name. Following her First Profession of vows on August 12, 1949, Sister Charlotte Marie taught primary grades in Cleveland, Chicago, Alabama and Wisconsin.

In 1970 Sister Charlotte Marie began her training as a Licensed Practical Nurse, graduating from Joliet Township School of Practical Nursing in August of 1971. She served in health care in Clifton, Illinois, Aurora and Our Lady of Angels in Joliet.

People who met and worked with Sister Charlotte Marie were enriched by her personal interest and her unique wit. She was described as: "understanding, shy, jovial, caring, sensitive, witty, quiet, responsible, loving and hard working." At OLA she had accumulated close to 1000 hours of volunteer service. Those who knew her best were those she lived and worked with. Many of her days in health care ministry were spent with Sister Evangela Hanfland and Sister Verdiana Braband. She shared in their family gatherings and they vacationed together. They also shared the sadness of her mother's death in 1972. Since Charlotte was the only child in her family, she lovingly assumed the care of her father as he aged. In his later years Joseph Uridil became a resident of OLA where he enjoyed the company of those around him until his death on January 30, 1984.

Sister Charlotte Marie enjoyed music, especially playing the organ, accordion and melodica. One of her favorite hobbies was candle making. Candles were given as gifts to others. One of these candles burned at the Motherhouse as the Sisters gathered to pray for her on January 6.

Gradually as Charlotte's own health failed, she who had been care giver to so many, became the receiver of care from others. Those who cared for her came to know her love and appreciate her care and concern for them. On her many returns to St. Joseph Medical Center they welcomed her as a cherished friend. On Friday, January 3, 1997, Sister Charlotte chose to have surgery to bring comfort from abdominal pain. She came through the surgery, defying the risks, but her weakened systems were not able to sustain her recovery. On Sunday morning, the feast of the Epiphany, Sister Charlotte Marie quietly breathed her last at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Sister Charlotte Marie, we thank you for your presence among us to give us strength and comfort. We ask you to continue to pray for each of us that we may be kind and generous in giving service to others. May you rejoice forever in God's loving embrace as you join your parents and our Sisters and are welcomed forever into God's love and light. Amen. Alleluia.

