

Sister M. Everildis Wolke, O.S.F. 779



Born: June 15, 1912
Parents: Charles and Mary E. (May) Wolke
Entered from: St. Michael, Sigel, IL
Postulancy: September 3, 1928
Novitiate: August 12, 1929
Profession: August 12, 1931

Died: Monday, April 26, 1999 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home
at 7:00 a.m.

Ministry:

1931 - 1934 Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 2, 3
1934 - 1941 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Grades 2, 3, 5, 7
1941 - 1946 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grades 3, 4
1946 - 1957 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 3, 4, 5
1957 - 1960 Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH, Superior, Principal,
Grades 7, 8
1960 - 1965 Sacred Heart, Lillyville, IL, Superior, Grades 3, 4, 5
1965 - 1966 St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grade 5
1966 - 1968 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1968 - 1969 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grade 6
1969 - 1975 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1975 - 1982 St. Mary, Plainfield, IL, Grade 4
1982 - 1992 St. Francis Reading Center, Joliet, IL, Tutor
1992 - 1999 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Thursday, April 29, 1999
2-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Friday, April 30, 1999 leaving Our Lady of Angels at
9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL,
Section 8, Lot, 337, Grave 7

Survived by: her sister Eleanor (Delman) McClellan of Neoga, IL and
sisters-in-law Thelma Wolke of Sigel, IL and
Laura Wolke of Effingham, IL and many nieces and nephews

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

Sister Everildis Wolke was born in Neoga, Illinois on June 15, 1912 to Charles and Mary May Wolke. On July 7, she was baptized Norma Catherine at St. Michael Church in Sigel, Illinois. She was the fourth of seven children, Paul, Verona, Carl (who died in infancy) Raymond, Eugene and Eleanor.

Norma attended Fairview Public School and St. Michael School in Sigel. She always spoke fondly of Sister Pascal Michel who was one of her teachers. She also admired Mr. Bangor, whom she remembered as an excellent teacher, who encouraged her to memorize many of Longfellow's poems. Norma continued at St. Francis Academy in Joliet as an aspirant.

When she was only sixteen years old, Norma returned to Joliet to become a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters. On August 12, 1929 Norma was received into the novitiate and given the name Sister Mary Everildis.

Following her first profession of vows on August 12, 1931, Sister Everildis began teaching at St. Raymond School in Joliet. Throughout her years of teaching, Sister Everildis had a joy and enthusiasm about the children that gave her energy and sustained her long hours of preparation and teaching. Over the years Sister Everildis kept in contact with these students, and had a sense of pride for her students who were ordained priests.

Sister Everildis took time to feed her mind and to nourish her soul. During the summers she studied theology and earned a master's degree from the Seraphic Institute at the College of St Francis. She loved to read and to enjoy the beauties of nature. One summer she had the special joy of making a retreat in the mountains of Colorado. Each day the group would visit various scenic areas in the Pike's Peak region. The memories of that time were renewed each time Sister Everildis sang "America the Beautiful" or "Sing to the Mountains."

When Sister Everildis retired to our Lady of Angels in 1992, she would often share, "I miss the 'kids' after teaching for 63 years." She had such positive memories of her teaching days.

Sister Everildis was always appreciative and cheerful with all the care she received. She was especially grateful that she was able to have successful surgery on her ears to regain her hearing.

Following hospitalization for various complications, when doctors had done all they could, Sister Everildis returned to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home to experience the comfort of companionship and care. On the early morning of Monday, April 26, as the Sisters were at her side praying, Sister Everildis peacefully made her final journey to the everlasting hills of eternal life to be with her God forever.

Sister Everildis we thank you for your many years of educating the children of God. May you shine as a star forever as you continue to teach us, your family members, your former pupils, your friends and your Franciscan Sisters, how to live in a spirit of gratitude. May you now know eternal peace with Jesus, the desire of the everlasting hills. Amen. Alleluia.

