

SISTER ANNE ARNOLD O.S.F. (John Ann) 662



Born: June 30, 1938
Parents: John Henry and Anna Cecilia (McNally) Arnold
Postulancy: September 5, 1955
Novitiate: August 13, 1956
First Profession: August 12, 1958
Final Profession: August 12, 1961
Died: Saturday, November 25, 1989 at 5:10 a.m. at
Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Ministry:

1958 - 1960 SS. Cyril & Methodius, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1960 - 1962 Divine Savior, Norridge, IL, Grade 4
1962 - 1963 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grade 6
1963 - 1965 St. Pius X, Lombard, IL, Grades 6 & 8
1965 - 1966 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grades 7 & 8
1966 - 1967 St. Pascal, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1967 - 1968 St. Andrew, Romeoville, IL, Grade 5
1968 - 1969 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Nurse's Aide
1969 - 1970 St. Francis School of Nursing, Peoria, IL, Student
1970 - 1971 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Assistant in
Activities Program
1971 - 1973 St. Jude, Joliet, IL, Grade 3
1973 - 1978 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, Grades 5 & 6
1978 - 1982 St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 8
1982 - 1987 Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Junior High Language Arts
1987 - 1988 St. Thaddeus, Joliet, IL, Teaching
1988 - 1989 Will/Grundy Medical Center, Joliet, IL, Volunteer

Wake: Sunday, November 26, 1989 from 2 - 7:00 p.m. with a
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, November 26, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Monday, November 27, 1989, Resurrection Cemetery.
at 9 a.m.

Survived by brother: James and Donna Arnold, Sister-in-law, Irene Murphy
and many nieces and nephews

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

Sister Anne Arnold entered life eternal at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, November 25, 1989. She was fifty-one years old. Diagnosed with cancer almost two years ago, our Sister Anne struggled valiantly through treatments of radiation and chemotherapy. In August, 1989, she came to Our Lady of Angels to spend her last months. During these months at times she was well enough to enjoy visiting her family, or to have lunch with her friends, but often she remained in her room confined to bed. These past weeks she became increasingly weak. She died quietly and peacefully, at Our Lady of Angels surrounded by our Sisters and her family who spent the last two days in constant vigil by her bedside.

Sister Anne was born on June 30, 1938 in Keokuk, Iowa to Anna and John Arnold. She had two brothers, John and Jim. The family moved to Joliet, IL, and Anne became a member of St. Mary Carmelite Parish. Her dad died when she was fourteen, and a year later her brother, John, was killed in an accident at work. Her mother died in 1964. She is survived by her brother Jim and his wife Donna, (who has become a real sister to her), and her sister-in-law, Irene. Her nieces and nephews have always been so dear to her. Her family was devoted to her. Jim and Donna were at her bedside throughout the night she died.

Sister Anne was a student at St. Francis Academy and there became close to our Sisters. In 1955, as a Senior at SFA, she entered the Congregation. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1983. She responded to her religious vocation with that same serious and conscientious spirit that characterized everything she did. She was a faith-filled woman, deeply prayerful, anxious to always be at peace with her God.

Sister Anne began her educational ministry in 1958, spending her teaching years mostly in the intermediate grades. She was loved as a teacher. In 1974 she wrote about her ministry with the Indian children in Bayfield, Wisconsin, "I love the children dearly, and as I try to bring them closer to God, I honestly am drawn more to Him myself. Our close knit community is a real Godsend, because our ministry with the Indian children is difficult and we need each other for loving support." During this last year of her life, she continued a volunteer ministry with the poor people of Joliet who came to the Will County Medical Clinic. She ministered by the person she was all the days of her life.

"Even in the midst of winter I knew there was within me an invincible springtime" (Camus). This quote captures the spirit of Sister Anne. Anne knew "winter days": the loss of loved ones, her own frailty, fears, and suffering. She was a sensitive woman who allowed us to enter her suffering. She was a courageous woman, and fought to be healthy. She never seemed to believe how precious she was to those who knew her, what goodness others saw in her. She always knew how to have a good time and continued to enjoy experiences of community and family whether it was playing games, camping, praying together, or just being together.

Sister Anne, we will truly miss your presence among us. We thank you for the gift of who you have been for us. We rejoice with you that you will no longer suffer, that you now experience a "springtime" of life forever and ever.
Amen! Alleluia!

