

**SISTER M. PRISCILLA JAKUBEK, O.S.F. (Helen) 674**

**Born:** May 26, 1902 in Johnstown, PA  
**Parents:** John and Anna (Firment) Jakubek  
**Postulancy:** November 1, 1917  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1918  
**First Profession:** August 12, 1920  
**Final Profession:** August 12, 1923  
**Died:** Saturday, September 22, 1990 at 2:45 a.m.  
as Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet



**Ministry:**

1920 - 1921	St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Domestic Work
1921 - 1922	St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
1922 - 1924	St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Domestic Work
1924 - 1925	Sacred Heart, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
1925 - 1926	St. Stephen, Streator, IL, Grade 6
1926 - 1929	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 5
1929 - 1935	St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grades 4, 5, and 6
1935 - 1945	St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6
1945 - 1946	St. Francis Xavier, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1946 - 1947	St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1947 - 1948	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 6
1948 - 1951	St. John the Baptist, Payne, OH, Grades 4, 5 and 6
1951 - 1960	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 6 and 7
1960 - 1971	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 7
1971 - 1976	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring
1976 - 1979	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired
1979 - 1990	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

**Wake:** Monday, September 24, 1990 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Monday, September 24, 1990 at 7 p.m.

**Burial:** Tuesday, September 25, 1990 Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

**Survived by sister, Sister M. Dorinda Jakubek, OSF**

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

Early Saturday morning, September 22, 1990, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, our Sister Priscilla Jakubek was born to life eternal. Although she had been in heart failure for several years, she was still alert and active. Her death came as a surprise to all of us. It was a Saturday morning, so appropriate for our Sister who was so deeply devoted to our Lady and the Rosary.

Helen was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on May 26, 1902 to Anna and John Jakubek. There were eight children in the family, and she is survived by her sister, our own Sister Dorinda. (Sister Dorinda was a faithful sister, spending each Sunday afternoon with Sister Priscilla, and we extend our sympathy to her.) Sister Priscilla often spoke of the lessons she learned early in life. When asked for her preference on something she would often answer "whatever", and then add, "I was never taught to say 'I want'."

When she was in seventh grade, as a child of thirteen years, she said goodbye to her family and traveled to Joliet, IL. Here she finished grade school, began high school, and at the age of fifteen became a postulant. She lived to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee of sixty years in 1980. She once wrote, "I chose the life of St. Francis, and I hope to continue until my death." This was her desire, and her desire was fulfilled.

At age eighteen Sister Priscilla began her ministry as a domestic worker. After three years Sister Valeria, our school supervisor, decided to help her become a teacher. She spent a total of fifty-one years teaching children. She taught grades one to seven, but concentrated on the intermediate grade level. She spent twenty-three of those years in Ohio, and ten years in her home parish of St. Stephen's in Johnstown, PA. She completed her teaching career as a tutor during her semi-retirement years at the Motherhouse. She was known as an excellent teacher, strict but caring about her students.

Sister Priscilla was a patient and determined person. She worked hard for her education, and spent summer after summer obtaining her college degree. In 1948 she graduated from CSF, and in 1957 she obtained a certificate in the Seraphic Institute of Theology at CSF.

Although she was a very private person, Sister Priscilla enjoyed community life. To the last day of her life she visited the Sisters at OLA, sharing conversation, and helping wherever she could. They will miss her. She wrote, "it isn't the number of sisters we have that is important, but the spirit of the sisters which truly unites us together as a community."

Sister Priscilla was a woman of simple needs who never wanted to bother anyone. She was teased as being "prissy", and truly everything was always in order in her room and life. We will always remember her quiet witty comments and smile. Most of all we will remember her constant greeting of **Hi friend!** These two words capture so much of the spirit of our Sister.

Sister Priscilla, we thank you for your seventy-three years as our Sister. We will miss you. We will think of you as enjoying your heavenly home, and greeting all you meet with "Hi friend!" You asked for "lots of alleluias" at your funeral. We sing them from our hearts as you experience life forever and ever. Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

