

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

August 19, 1986

Dear Sisters and Associates,

In the early hours of Monday, August 18th, death came to our beloved Sister Solana Jansen. No one could foresee that this would likely be Sister's last day as there were no signs of distress and the previous day was a normal one for her. Although she had been in frail health for some time, the news of her death came as a surprise to the staff and residents of Our Lady of Angels.

Books were an important part of Sister Solana's life and those who knew her well long recognized her reverence for and fascination with the written word. In many ways, that was not surprising since she spent 51 years in the field of education, more than 30 of those teaching English, Business and Library Science in the schools of Ohio and Illinois.

Many of our Sisters remember Sister Solana as Novice Mistress since she served the Congregation in that ministry from 1946 to 1953. She was known for her gentle and contemplative way and she labored diligently to share that spirit with her energetic young novices.

Even in her last days, though words were few, her bright smile and sparkling eyes were always indicative of her joy in sharing a visit with one of her old friends.

We give thanks for the steps of the journey that Sister Solana walked among us and celebrate with gratitude the many ways in which she touched our living and our being.

We, her sisters who have lived with her and loved her, extend our deep sympathy to her sisters, Sister Angela, Rosalia, Rita, Celia and Adelaide, her brother Leo and to her many nieces and nephews. We join them in thanking God for the gift Sister Solana has been to all of us.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board



615 SISTER M. SOLANA JANSEN (MARIA)



Born: January 21, 1899  
Parents: Henry and Rose (Kalmer) Jansen  
Postulancy: November 4, 1921  
Novitiate: August 12, 1922  
First Profession: August 12, 1924  
Final Profession: August 12, 1927  
Died: Monday, August 18, 1986 at 1:35 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home

Ministry:

1924 - 1927 St. Boniface Parish, Chicago, IL, Grades 2, 4 and 5  
1927 - 1943 St. Mary High School, Columbus, OH, Latin, English, Stenography, and Typing  
1943 - 1945 St. Michael, Sigel, IL, Superior and Principal of St. Michael High School, Religion, English  
1945 - 1953 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Mistress of Novices  
1953 - 1955 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Latin, English  
1955 - 1958 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH, Religion, English  
1958 - 1960 St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL, Bookkeeper  
1960 - 1961 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Assist in Secretary's Office  
1961 - 1962 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Office Help  
1962 - 1963 St. Clement High School, Chicago, IL, English, Latin, Librarian  
1963 - 1967 Sacred Heart High School, Englewood, IL, Typing, Religion, Librarian  
1967 - 1975 St. Peter High School, Mansfield, OH, Librarian  
1975 - 1976 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Retired  
1976 - 1977 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Librarian  
1977 - 1986 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Tuesday, August 19, 1986 from 2 - 7 p.m. with Prayer Service at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Wednesday, August 20, 1986 from Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by brother, Leo, and sisters Sister M. Angela Jansen O.S.F., Rosalia Jansen, Rita Jansen, Celia Volm and Adelaide Hummert, and many nieces and nephews.