

**SISTER M. BEATRICE SCHILLER O.S.F. (Mary Rose) 684**

**Born:** August 4, 1904 in Hubbard Woods, IL  
**Parents:** Albert and Bridget (Banks) Schiller  
**Postulancy:** January 5, 1922  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1922  
**First Profession:** August 12, 1924  
**Final Profession:** August 12, 1927  
**Died:** Friday, May 24, 1991 at 6:05 p.m.  
at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet



**Ministry:**

1923 - 1925 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Subjects in Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Classes  
1925 - 1930 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Subjects in Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Classes  
1930 - 1931 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, Graduate Study  
1931 - 1936 College of St. Francis, English & History Department  
1936 - 1938 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, Graduate Study  
1938 - 1969 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, English Department, CSF Alumnae Adviser, Office of Development  
January 1969 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, English Department  
1969 - 1974 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, English Department  
1974 - 1975 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Lockport, IL, English  
1975 - 1981 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Assistant Librarian  
1981 - 1985 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired  
1985 - 1991 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

**Wake:** Tuesday, May 28, 1991 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Tuesday, May 28, 1991 at 7 p.m.

**Burial:** Wednesday, May 29, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.  
Interment Resurrection Cemetery

**Survived by Brother, Joseph, of Bella Vista, Arkansas**

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

After 57 years of dedicated teaching and a history of scholarly pursuits, and after a few years of retirement, Sr. Beatrice Schiller entered her eternal home.

Mary Rose was born August 4, 1904 in Hubbard Woods, IL, of Albert and Bridget Schiller. She is survived by one brother, Joseph, and numerous nephews and nieces. Her early education was at Sacred Heart School in Hubbard Woods and at St. Francis Academy. St. Mary's, Columbus and St. Francis Academy were her first assignments, and these were followed by fifty tireless years at the College of St. Francis.

Having acquired her B.A. in Latin from De Paul University, Chicago, she pursued a Masters and a Ph.D degree in English from the University of Illinois. Her prestigious preparation continued with post graduate study at Harvard, Cambridge, Catholic University of America, St. Mary of the Springs, and Loyola in Chicago. European Travel enriched her role as an "interesting and illuminating teacher".

Her ministry in education, primarily in the field of English, built up local name recognition as an author, department head, lecturer and research consultant. Her Professor Emeritus status continued to maintain an ongoing demand for her service, with countless book reviews, articles for magazines and newspapers, including the New World and the Encyclopedia Britannica. On retiring from teaching, Sr. Beatrice was asked by the President to be assistant librarian, where she was surrounded by her world of books.

Besides being Department Chair for some 20 years and Alumni Moderator for 23 years in addition to full time teaching, Sr. Beatrice was advisor of the Press Club, a member of the Scholarship Committee and the Public Relations/Development Committee and moderator of the Piper's Guild. Her constant contact with alumns was a delight to her rather than a task.

On her Recognition Day, Sr. Beatrice was aptly characterized with the words a "walking treasure chest" by the dean. The Schiller Lecture Room, 248 was dedicated to her and the Schiller Endowment Fund was begun for English students. She was a stalwart advocate of the liberal arts program which "broadens one's interest and develops the moral and spiritual aspects of an individual" in her words. Her constant professionalism has added to the stature of academic life.

Lady Bea, as we so fondly called her, was noted as a dedicated humanist, a passionate reader of books, and a tireless herald of Shakespeare, known fondly by her and her students as "Willie". Whether it was a bawdy Chaucerian tale or the study of Dante's trilogy, whether the structure of Spenser's sonnets or the unraveling of the mysteries of a Shakespearian drama, her students were ushered into a world of human foibles, tender emotions and cathartic tragedy.

Education was of the utmost importance to Sr. Beatrice who wrote "the great crises of our day demands more than ever that we stay with EDUCATION of the young". She was fearless in standing up for her convictions and firm in her religious beliefs. Her passion for great ideas and great literature was surely an extension of her great love for the "Word" in all that she did.

How can we forget you, Lady Bea, for all that you instilled in us. We thank you for your untiring dedication throughout all these years. Amen. Alleluia

