

SISTER M. ROSAIRE SCHLUEB O.S.F. (Dorothy) 691

Born: February 28, 1928 in Columbus, Ohio
Parents: Harold J. and Helen (Winnagel) Schlueb
Postulancy: September 4, 1945
Novitiate: August 12, 1946
First Profession: August 12, 1948
Final Profession: August 12, 1951
Died: Wednesday, September 11, 1991 at 10:10 p.m.
at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet



Ministry:

1948 - 1949 St. Francis de Sales, Toledo, OH, Grade 5 and Music
1949 - 1950 St. Joseph, Pesotum, Illinois, Grades 1 - 4 and Music
1950 - 1955 St. Ann, Lansing, Illinois, Grades 4, 5 and 6 and Music
1955 - 1957 Immaculate Conception, Toledo, Ohio, Music & Organist
1957 - 1958 Sacred Heart, Englewood, Illinois, Grade 7
1958 - 1959 St. Rita of Cascia, Aurora, Illinois, Grade 6, Organist
and Music
1959 - 1960 St. Clement, Chicago, Illinois, High School Music
Appreciation, Choral and Organist
1960 - 1963 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, English, General Music,
Sophomore Chorus and Private Lessons
1963 - 1988 College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, Music Department
1988 - 1991 Councilor Coordinator of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary
Immaculate, Joliet, Illinois

Wake: Friday, September 13, 1991 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

Mass of Christian Burial: Saturday, September 14, 1991 at 11 a.m.

Burial: Saturday following the Mass of Christian Burial at Resurrection
Cemetery

**Survived by her mother, Mrs. Harold Schlueb, her sister, Mildred and brothers
Harold, James and Thomas**

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

On Wednesday evening, September 11, 1991, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, our Sister Rosaire Schueb was born to life eternal. In the hours before her death she heard background music of Handel's Messiah, and the prayerful singing of one of her students and our Sisters. She met Sister Death with courage and dignity!

Dorothy (Dottie, Dotsi) was born on February 28, 1928 in Columbus, Ohio to Helen and Harold Schueb. The five children in the family learned early lessons of simple living, shared work, and family prayer. Here, through her faith-filled parents, Sister Rosaire was rooted in those values that always remained so important to her. Her family will miss her. Our Joliet Franciscan community extends special sympathy to her dear mother, Helen, her sister Millie, and her brothers Harold, Jim and Tom.

Joliet Franciscans were always part of Sister Rosaire's life. Her home was in Corpus Christi Parish. Our sisters were her teachers at Corpus Christi and St. Mary's High School. Sister Corona was her first music and voice teacher. Our Sisters nurtured the seed of religious vocation in her, and in 1945, after graduating from high school, she came to Joliet to be a postulant. In 1998 she would have celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession.

Although she taught in schools for a few years, all of us remember Sister Rosaire as a minister of music. Through her inspiration, talent and creativity she gave the gift of music to a whole generation of young people. For twenty-five years she taught piano, music, voice and chorus at the College of St. Francis. She received the treasured Professor Emeritus Award in 1988.

She made music exciting and fun. She was involved in musicals, recitals, and loved to travel with her Madrigal Singers. "You made me love music," one of her former students wrote. "This week I am finishing a fourteen week run of the musical 'Annie'. I've spent many years touring the country in several musicals. My vocal coaches always comment on what solid technique I've had. And I owe it all to you!"

Our Congregation experienced the gift of her musical talent. Many of our Sisters comment, "I never knew I could sing until Sister Rosaire taught me." Jubilees, Profession ceremonies, countless Motherhouse and College liturgies knew the magic of her musical direction.



In 1988 Sister Rosaire was elected by her Sisters as a member of the Governing Board, in the position of Councilor Coordinator. Those of us who worked so closely with her know how much she loved this ministry. She was a wisdom woman as a Councilor at the Governing Board meetings, and a compassionate, affirming and challenging Coordinator for our Sisters. No surgery or chemo-therapy treatment for cancer stopped her from faithful attention to her ministry of leadership. She tried valiantly to complete her term of office. She was a spunky and determined woman, who never focused on herself or her illness. Our leadership team will miss her terribly, but she remains written indelibly in our hearts and we trust she continues with us in our ministry.

We will always hold dear our memories of Sister Rosaire. We will remember her wearing her favorite T Shirt imprinted with the words "CARPE DIEM"! This was truly her motto..."seize the day". She had a zest for life, an attitude of looking at life as gift of the moment to be lived fully. She was ever ready for new adventures that included white water rapids rafting, camping trips, missionary journeys to Appalachia and Wyoming. She was ready at a moment's notice for any new musical treat and made sure she had opportunities by volunteer ushering at the Rialto Theater. She gloried in all kinds of celebrations - from jubilees to simple game evenings at a community gathering.

We will remember her as the woman who offered unqualified acceptance of people as they were. She offered a love and friendship that made others feel important and have a sense of belonging. By the witness of her life and her encouragement she helped others find the basic goodness of their lives, and helped set them free to be all they could be. Last year at a community celebration the Sisters serenaded her with the song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." She was so unassuming, almost embarrassed by the praise she received, always amazed to discover how much she meant to others.

We will remember that at the depth of who Sister Rosaire was, there was the dream, the vision of her call to be a passionate Franciscan woman of the Gospel.

Her dream was to be like Francis, to know and live the Gospel, to live simply and in common with her Sisters. Hers was a "no frills" almost frugal life style. She lived communally, delighting to share prayer, meals, happy and sad times with her Sisters. She became an inspiration for many of our newer members as she lived in initial formation communities with them. She witnessed in simplicity and love the way of authentic community.

And we will remember that like Francis she understood that the dream can bring suffering and letting go. She experienced that letting go as over the past years she could no longer sing, her fingers and toes became numb and she had difficulty playing the organ. Finally she struggled and accepted as the cancer gradually diminished her body. Truly she could sing from her heart..."I am a poor one." She never complained. She traveled to Medgagore this spring not to ask for a miracle, but simply to say thank you. She understood the Dream and lived it!

Sister Rosaire, we thank you for your forty-six years as our Sister. We will miss you. You have touched our lives. We know we will honor your memory best by living true to the witness you gave us through your life. May you "CARPE COELUM - seize heaven" with an Alleluia chorus that will be for all eternity! Amen! Alleluia!