

SISTER M. CHARITAS WLODARSKI O.S.F. (Rose) 686

Born: April 19, 1908 - Joliet, IL
Parents: Walter and Rosalia (Janicki) Wlodarski
Postulancy: February 2, 1938
Novitiate: August 12, 1938
First Profession: August 12, 1940
Final Profession: August 12, 1943
Died: Wednesday, July 10, 1991 at 4:00 p.m.
at St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet



Ministry:

1940 - 1942 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Domestic Work
1942 - 1943 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Sewing
January 1943 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Kindergarten, Assistant
Prefect and Teacher
1943 - 1963 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL, Prefect - Boys
1963 - 1988 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Nurse's Aide and
Housekeeper
1988 - 1991 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Friday, July 12, 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: Friday, July 12, 1991 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Saturday, July 13, 1991 at 9:30 a.m.
Interment Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by sisters: Anna Gorski, Helen Hasse and Sister Irene Wlodarski, OSF

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

Sister Charitas was born to eternal life on July 10th when she breathed her last at St. Joseph Medical Center, and joined her parents, six brothers and sister in their eternal home.

Rose Wlodarski's life began April 19, 1908 in Joliet, the fifth of eleven children, born to Walter and Rosalia Wlodarski. She is survived by Anna, Helen and Sister Irene, her devoted sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. In 1938 she, along with her sister Irene, entered the Congregation.

Sister Charitas' life was a beautiful tapestry of fine threads interwoven early in life and fleshed out over her eighty-three years. Three colorful strands highlight the pattern of her life: her service as seamstress, cook and baker in Mansfield and at the Motherhouse, her care of the little boys at Guardian Angel Home, and her loving ministry as a nurse's aide and housekeeper at Our Lady of Angels.

Twelve years as a seamstress and power machine operator for the Sternstein Brothers of Chicago served as her apprenticeship for her years as a seamstress at the Motherhouse. Those years of working side by side with her sister Anna in the manufacturing of men's clothing must have been significant years because she later wrote, "I think of myself as a little wheel in God's machinery...I was more square than a round wheel...With the grace of God I expect to polish these edges to a smoothness so I may fit in perfectly with God's machinery."

Coming from a large family and certified in "Child Care" through the School of Social Services in St. Louis, Sister Charitas was well versed as a houseparent to the boys at Guardian Angel Home. Nurturing these children during their formative years for twenty years was no small task. She remarked later that these years were the most rewarding.

Care of the elderly began for her when she was a young girl of thirteen. The lessons of sensitivity and kindness learned during the year that she cared for her aged and widowed grandmother were invaluable in her later ministry to the infirm elderly sisters at Our Lady of Angels. She found real satisfaction in taking care of the needs of the sisters. As nurse's aide and as housekeeper she ministered for twenty-four years until she retired at the age of eighty.

The fabric of your life, Charitas, has touched us through your pleasant personality and quiet reserve, your kind and respectful attitude, and your many charitable deeds. We thank you for your life among us and ask the great Designer of Life to embrace you with loving arms. Amen. Alleluia.

