

Sisters of St. Francis

of Mary Immaculate

Sister Carol Jander was born at St. Anne's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, to Phyllis Anne Wene and Paul John Jander on July 18, 1938. Carol is the oldest of 4 children, the big sister to three brothers, Tom, Dan and Steve. Carol was baptized on August 14th, 1938, beginning her sacramental life at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, her family's parish church in Columbus, Ohio.

Carol attended Corpus Christi Elementary School graduating in June, 1952. For three years she attended St. Mary High School in Columbus, Ohio, and completed her high school education at St. Francis Academy, Joliet in 1956.

Carol was so influenced by the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate who were her teachers in grade school, that she chose to join this congregation in 1956. Carol received the name Sister Mary Paulanne at the time of reception. She made her first profession on August 12, 1958, and has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate for 64 years.

Sister Carol holds a bachelors degree from the College of St. Francis, a Master of Education Administration and Supervision from DePaul University in Chicago, as well as a General Supervisory and Administrative Certificate from the State of Illinois.

She taught primary and junior high grades, served as Consultant for the Joliet Diocese Catholic School Office, and with Sister Margaret McGuckin, fulfilled their dream of beginning an early childhood pre-school. Starting out in Frankfort, Illinois, as St. Anthony's Pre-School, they brought their expertise to Joliet in 1979 with the birth of the Franciscan Early Learning Center. The FLC welcomed three-, four- and five-year old children from 1979 until 2017. She has kept in contact with many of the three generations of children, parents and grandparents she taught at the Franciscan Learning Center. She engaged many of them in assisting at OLA with Christmas trees and decorations during the season. Whether in a store or restaurant, someone always recognized and approached Carol and reminded her of the wonderful days and years spent at the Franciscan Learning Center. One of the special joys remembered was the annual performances by the children on "Sunshine Sunday."

Alleluia!



Sister Carol Jander, OSF

After the Franciscan Learning Center closed, Carol moved on to serve the residents and staff at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home along with Sister Margaret, bringing joy to the residents with many creative projects especially through the "Enriching Experience Program." Carol always found time and joy giving holiday and special gifts and greetings to her 12 "Prayer Sisters" living at OLA.

Carol enjoyed watching football and cheered enthusiastically for her Ohio State Buckeyes. Often you would hear her greet another Ohioan with "O-H" and wait for the familiar response "I-O." Perhaps her love of sports began in the fourth grade when she played second base on the Corpus Christi girls' baseball team. She was proud of her sweater bearing a big letter "C."

From her earliest days as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Carol was always described as respectful, dependable, willing, honest and trustworthy. She always used the term "I have been so blessed" when speaking about her family and Congregation. She thanked everyone who came to pray with and for her at OLA during her final days. Carol shared a thought regarding how we relate to one another. She said, "So what if there are disagreements, if you feel you can't please everyone all the time. Be yourself, do what you believe is right. When it comes to this moment, none of that matters."

Carol, after a lifetime of your creative teaching, loyal friendship and deep faith, know that we have been truly blessed having you as sister. You have shown us how to be strong yet gentle, brave yet sensitive, thoughtful yet free-spirited.

Sister Carol Jander, OSF
July 18, 1938 — March 14, 2022

Born: July 18, 1938
Parents: Paul J. Jander and Phyllis Anne Wene
Postulancy: September 5, 1955
Novitiate: August 13, 1956
First Profession: August 12, 1958
Final Profession: August 12, 1961
Entered New Life: March 14, 2022

Ministry History

1958-1959 Teacher: Grade 2, St. John the Baptist, Joliet, Illinois
1959-1960 Teacher: Grade 2, SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, Illinois
1960-1962 Teacher: Grade 1, Cathedral of St. Ray, Joliet
1962-1963 Teacher: Grade 1, St. Mary, Plainfield, Illinois
1963-1965 Teacher: Grade 1, St. Mark, Wheaton, Illinois
1965-1967 Teacher: Grades 7 and 8, St. Francis Xavier, Chicago
1967-1969 Superior/Principal: St. Francis Xavier, Chicago
1969-1970 Catholic Schools Office: Motherhouse, Joliet
1970-1973 Resource person for the Diocese Catholic Schools Office, Sisters of St. Francis, Lockport, Illinois
1973-1975 Consultant: Catholic Schools Office, Joliet
1975-1976 Teacher: Preschool, St. Anthony, Frankfort, Illinois
1976-1977 Co-Director: Preschool, St. Anthony, Frankfort
1977-1979 Teacher: Early Childhood, St. Anthony, Frankfort
1979-2016 Co-Director/Teacher: Franciscan Learning Center, Joliet
2016-2017 Franciscan Learning Center, Joliet
2017-2018 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2018-2020 General Organizer and Teacher: Engaging Experiences, Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
2020-2022 Assistant to Projects: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

Interment: Section 8, Lot 345, Grave 11, Resurrection Cemetery
Predeceased by: Her parents, Paul Joseph Jander and Anne Phyllis (Wene) Jander and her sister-in-law, Donna (Royer) Jander
Survived by: Her brothers, Thomas, Daniel and Stephen Jander; her sisters-in-law, Marlene (Kellner) and Marsha (Willeman) Jander, nieces, nephews, and dear friends

Rest in Peace, Sister Carol!