

Alleluia!

Sister Elizabeth Ann Hurley, OSF



Sister Elizabeth Ann Hurley was born on November 12, 1919, in Bear Creek, Wisconsin. This day was a very special for Robert and Elizabeth (Campbell) Hurley because their first daughter was born after three sons. Surprisingly though, this little girl was named after her two grandfathers, Jeremiah and Patrick, receiving the name Geraldine Patricia Anne. Geraldine moved to Clintonville, Wisconsin when she was about three years old. Shortly after this move, her new sister Betty was born, but this happy event was clouded by the death of their mother, just three days later. Very soon after this time, Geraldine and Betty moved to the home of Lyman and Ann Stevens and were raised by them. Her brothers, Robert, Kenneth and Roger, lived with their father, who remained very close to the family until his death at the age of 76. The Lymans also adopted another daughter, Marion, who became a "sister" to Geraldine and Betty.

Geraldine originally attended a public school and then St. Rose Grade School. She was a happy child. She loved the Lymans, she loved school, she loved life. Even from these earliest days, Geraldine was an extrovert. For high school, Geraldine attended Holy Family Academy where she was also an aspirant for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She entered the novitiate of this congregation on June 14, 1936, receiving the name, Sister Elizabeth Ann, after her two mothers. She later made her first vows and her final vows.

Sister Elizabeth Ann's educational career was strengthened by her various degrees. She received a B.A. in Latin from St. Norbert's College in De Pere, Wisconsin, an M.A. in Latin from Marquette University, an M.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee as well as many additional hours from various universities. Sister Elizabeth Ann had experience teaching in grade schools, teaching and being administrator in high schools and working in parishes as a Pastoral Associate. She ministered in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Nebraska and found joy in all she did and was able to share with her students. Whether she was teaching Latin, leading as a Principal in a co-educational or co-institutional high school or a high school for emotionally disturbed students, serving as adviser of the school newspaper, athletic director or guidance counselor, she worked hard and tried to share her love and dedication to all with whom she served.

After a three-year period of exclaustation, Sister Elizabeth Ann began the transfer process with our congregation on July 7, 1981. She shared deeply of her life and her dreams and observed the transfer process over a two-year period. When asked why she was interested in becoming a member of our congregation, she shared how she was touched by the responsibility that she saw modeled in our individual sisters and the trust that was given to each of them to do God's work, the Franciscan spirit that was evidenced so clearly, the loving care and concern, humility and openness that was shared in community, as well as the emphasis on central issues, such as peace and justice endeavors. In sharing her values of vowed life, prayer life, ministry, community living and leisure time, she expressed her strong desire to become a member of our congregation. And so, with great celebration Sister Elizabeth Ann became an official "Joliet Franciscan" on August 6, 1983.

Since this time, Sister Elizabeth Ann has served in Pastoral Ministry and the Director of the Tutoring Program and the St. Francis Reading Center until 1998. She became a resident at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in November of 1999, continuing to serve where she could, and visiting the sisters. Sister Elizabeth Ann was fun to be with and truly touched our lives. We thank our God for all the gifts she shared with us. We pray that her family members still living – her sister-in-law Leona, her nieces and nephews, special friends, Jane, Lois, Margaret, Mary Gen and many others, our Sisters and Associates as well as all her caregivers here at OLA, know and feel the peace that God gives, and may rejoice with her as she begins her new life in heaven.

Sister Elizabeth Ann, may you be rejoicing with our God as you dance the Irish jig, breathe comfortably and enjoy all your sisters, family members and friends who have gone before you. May you enjoy eternal rest. Amen. Alleluia!

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12 November 1919 — 12 October 2005

Born: November 12, 1919, Bear Creek, Wisconsin
Parents: Robert E. Hurley and Elizabeth Campbell Hurley
Postulancy: August 23, 1933
Novitiate: June 13, 1936
First Profession: August 15, 1938
Final Profession: August 15, 1941
Entered New Life: October 12, 2005

Ministry History

1938-1980 Ministered in various schools as a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, WI
Served in the following positions: Elementary School Teacher, High School Teacher, School Newspaper Advisor, High School Guidance Counselor, High School Assistant Principal, High School Principal, Athletic Director. Also, served on the parish team and evangelization and parish retreat programs.

1981-1982 Pastoral Ministry: St. Rita Parish, Aurora, IL
1982-1984 Director of Tutor Program: Motherhouse, Joliet, IL
1984-1990 Pastoral Associate: Annunciata Parish, Chicago, IL
1990-1992 Coordinator: St. Francis Reading Center, Joliet, IL
1992-1998 Director: Motherhouse Education Programs, Joliet, IL
1998-2000 Volunteer Ministry: Motherhouse and OLA, Joliet, IL
2000-2005 Retired

Wake: Sunday, October 16, 2005, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Wake Service: Sunday, October 16, 2005, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial
Burial Sunday, October 16, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Monday, October 17, 2005, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL

Interment: S8-L4-G9 Resurrection Cemetery

Predeceased by: Her parents Robert E. Hurley and Elizabeth (Campbell); foster parents Lyman and Ann Stevens; three brothers Robert F., Kenneth B. (Elaine), and Roger O. (Olive); sister, Betty Hurley McCawley, step-sister Marion Gutkowski.

Survived by: Sister-in-law Leona Hurley.

Rest in Peace, Sister Elizabeth Ann