

Alleluia!

Sister Roseann Kasayka, OSF



Roseann Kasayka was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 10, 1941, to Andrew and Evelyn (Srp) Kasayka. She was the oldest of five children. From stories that were shared, it was apparent that Roseann had a lot of fun with her siblings, Andy, Bobby, Joann and Maryann. Roseann attended school in Cleveland and it was after her graduation from Hoban Dominican High School as a member of Holy Family parish that she entered the convent on September 13, 1959. In August 13, 1960, Roseann became a novice and received the name Sister Evaline. Roseann made her temporary vows in 1962, and her final vows in 1967.

Education was very important to Roseann as was evidenced by her many degrees and further study in many areas. Roseann received her BA degree from the College of St. Francis, an MA in music from Northwestern University, an MA in Music Therapy from De Paul University and her Doctor of Arts Degree from New York University. She also engaged in post doctoral work at Bradford University in England as well as many other places of learning. Roseann constantly learned and shared her gifts and knowledge wherever she was and wherever she ministered.

In addition to serving the congregation in many areas, as Coordinator and Administrator at the Motherhouse, as our Vocation Director, as a Councilor/Coordinator on our Governing Board, or as Director of the Associates, she administered to the people of God in many other venues as well. Roseann was Co-Chair of the National Sisters' Vocation Conference, an Assistant Director of Crisis Line, a Music Therapist at Lutheran General Hospital, a member of the staff at the Focusing Institute of Chicago, the Vice President of Dementia Services at the Corrine Dolan Center of Heather Hill Hospital in Chardon, Ohio and in many other places through the years. Roseann also ministered through her worldwide

lectures, workshops and writings. Many of her articles can be found in *The Word in the Home, News/Views* magazine as well as in the publications of the Focusing Institute and other worldwide magazines.

As I think of Roseann, I think of the comment she often spoke when she referred to herself. She said she was 'six feet tall and she danced.' Indeed she was taller than life in all that she was and in all that she did to touch the hearts of many. She danced, she laughed, and she brought enthusiasm and dedication to everything she touched. Roseann was creative and insightful, passionate and loving. We know of her great gift of sharing life, especially with those who were challenged with dementia. Roseann added much to Our Lady of Angels Board through her mentoring and working with its staff on the need for and practical applications of person-centered care. She will be missed by many and remembered for all she taught us. We thank our living God for making her a real part of our lives.

We pray for her family that survives her, for her sisters Joann and Maryann, for her brother Bobby, for her nieces and nephews, for all her family members. We pray for her classmates, Sisters Alice Emile, Mary Lou Marchetti, Rosemary Huzl, Yvonne Weidner and Phyllis Wilhem. We pray for all her friends, colleagues, and all members of our congregation. We pray that we may all find peace and assurance knowing that we are constantly in the hand of God and will receive the blessings we need at this time.

Roseann, we thank you for being our friend, our sister, our mentor. May you rest forever in the loving arms of our God. Amen. Alleluia.

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September 10, 1941 — September 18, 2006

Born: September 10, 1941
Parents: Andrew and Evelyn (Srp) Kasayka
Postulancy: September 13, 1959
Novitiate: August 13, 1960
First Profession: August 12, 1962
Final Profession: August 12, 1967
Entered New Life: September 18, 2006

Ministry History:

1963-1964 Teacher: Grade 4; Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL
1964-1966 Teacher: Grade 4; Holy Family, Joliet, IL
1966-1967 Teacher, Organist: Grade 5, Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby, OH
1967-1969 Teacher, Organist: Grades 5, 6; St. Michael, Sigel, IL
1969-1970 Organist: Sacred Heart, Winnetka, IL,
Student: Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
1970-1971 Student: Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
1971-1973 Music Instructor: Grades K-8; St. Raymond, Joliet, IL,
1973-1980 Congregation Director of Associate Relationship, Joliet, IL
1973-1976 Administrator of St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL
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Congregation Director of Vocations, Joliet, IL
Congregation Director of Public Relations, Joliet, IL
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Congregation Director of Public Relations, Joliet, IL
1979-1982 Director of National Office of Sisters' Vocation Conference, Chicago, IL
1982-1984 Assistant Director of the Crisis Line of Will County, Joliet, IL
1984-1985 Intern, Assistant Dir. of Development, Creative Arts Rehabilitation, Center, INC, New York, NY
1985-1986 Administrator/Music Therapist, Creative Arts Rehabilitation Center, INC, New York, NY
1986-1987 Doctoral student, New York University, New York, NY
1987-1990 Music Therapist, Private Practice, Focusing Institute, Chicago, IL
1990-1994 Music Therapist, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL
1994-1996 Director of Music Therapy, Corinne Dolan Alzheimer Center, Chardon, OH
1996-2000 Congregation Councilor, Joliet, IL
Director of Dementia Services, Heather Hill Hospital, Chardon, OH
2000-2005 Vice President of Dementia and Healing Arts Therapy, Heather Hill Hospital, Health and Care Services, Chardon, OH
2005-2006 Director of Memory and Aging Services and Integrative Therapies, Heather Hill Hospital (University of Cleveland Hospital, Chardon, O

Wake Service: September 21, 2006 from 3-9 p.m.
Golubski Funeral Home, Parma, OH
Mass of Christian Burial: September 22, 2006 at 10 a.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Parma, OH
Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, OH
Memorial Prayer Service: September 24, 2006 at 2 p.m. OLA, Joliet, IL
Memorial Mass: September 24, 2006 at 4 p.m. OLA, Joliet, IL
Predeceased by: Parents: Andrew and Evelyn (Srp) Kasayka,,
Brother Andrew (Francine) Kasayka
Survived by: Brother Robert (Marilyn) Kasayka, Sisters: Joann (Elmer deceased) Hynes, Maryann (Jim)
Najpaver, nieces and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Roseann