

Sister M. DePaul Klover, O.S.F.



Born: November 1, 1903
 Parents: Cornelius and Mary (Koppers) Klover
 Entered from: St. Rose, Wilmington, IL
 Postulancy: January 5, 1920
 Novitiate: August 12, 1920
 Profession: August 12, 1922
 Died: Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home at approximately 3:10 a.m.

Ministry:

1921 - 1929 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
 1929 - 1942 St. Mary High School, Columbus, OH, Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Mathematics, Geometry, Algebra, French
 Sundays, Ministry to the Deaf
 1942 - 1951 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH, Religion, Home Economics, Chemistry, Nutrition
 1951 - 1956 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Home Economics, Nutrition, Dietetics for Nurses
 1956 - 1957 St. Clement High School, Chicago, IL, Home Economics, Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry
 1957 - 1958 St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago, IL, Home Economics, Nutrition
 1958 - 1961 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Home Economics, Nutrition
 1961 - 1962 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Dietician
 1962 - 1965 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Home Arts to Postulants and Novices
 1965 - 1966 St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Canton, OH, Religion, Geometry
 1966 - 1973 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Dietician
 1973 - 1974 St. Ann, Lansing, IL, part-time teaching
 1974 - 1984 Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Teacher
 1984 - 1997 Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Teaching Assistant
 1997 - 1998 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Thursday, January 15, 1998
 2-7 p.m. with prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
 Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Burial: Friday, January 16, 1998 leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m.
 to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8 - L338 - G3

Survived by: her brother Peter (Verna) Klover of Leesburg, FL,
 her sister Mary (Jake) Shives of Fruitland Park, FL
 and nieces and nephews

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

Sister DePaul Klover was born in Blue Island, Illinois on November 1, 1903 to Cornelius and Mary (Koppers) Klover. She was baptized at St. Benedict Church in Blue Island and given the name, Katherine Marie. The family later moved to Ritchie, Illinois and became active members of St. Rose Church in Wilmington. Katherine was the oldest of nine children. Of these, Evelyn, Wybrant, Richard, Casey, Francis and James are deceased. Her brother, Peter and her sister, Mary Rose Shives are now living in Florida.

After graduating from the local grade school, Katherine came to St. Francis Academy for her high school years. On January 5, 1920, Katherine, then age 16, was received as a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet. The following August, she became a novice and was given the name, Sister Mary DePaul. During her novitiate, Sister DePaul's mother died as a result of complications with the birth of her sister, Mary. Understanding his daughter's love for her religious vocation, her father told her he did not want her to consider coming back home to care for the family. He trusted that God would show them the way.

Following first profession of vows on August 12, 1920, Sister DePaul began a ministry of education and service that was to last for three quarters of a century. Her ministry in education took her to three states, spanning elementary, high school and college, as well as special classes for the deaf. In 1961, Sister DePaul established the dietary department at Our Lady of Angels' new facility.

The last 22 years of her ministry were spent at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she taught and assisted in general office work until last fall. Sister DePaul's intricate needlework was admired by all who saw it. Many of the pieces were donated for prizes at benefits and are now on display in homes across the nation. During the summers Sister DePaul returned to help the "older Sisters" even when she was past her 90th birthday.

In the fall of 1997, following several surgeries and cancer treatment, Sister DePaul became an official resident at Our Lady of Angels. She spent her time reading, visiting and listening to her favorite classical station on the radio. Her friends from Florida kept contact over the miles. A message from one of the students read: "When I study history, I read about events. It amazes me that these are events that you lived through." Like her patron, St. Vincent DePaul, she had a special devotion for the poor and neglected.

In her practical planning, Sister DePaul took time to discuss her funeral arrangements with Sister Marie Schramko. During the days following Christmas of 1997, Sister DePaul's condition weakened. She encouraged her visitors to remain a little longer, just to be with her and keep her company. She longed and prayed for the company of Jesus in heaven. On January 13, 1998 in the quiet of the night, Sister DePaul left this life to live in God's company forever.

Sister DePaul, we thank you for your service to so many people. Pray for us your Franciscan Sisters, your family and your friends, that we may be motivated to give generous service. May you now enjoy God's company forever. Amen. Alleluia.

