

Alleluia!

Sister Dolores Marie McLaughlin, OSF

Sister Dolores Marie McLaughlin was born in Hammond, Indiana to Helen (Ruth) and Leo McLaughlin on May 26, 1921. She was welcomed home by her brother Robert, who turned one year old the day she was born. Though she was baptized Bertha Jane after her grandmother, she was called Bettye Jane. In fact, her brothers and sisters that followed her, Eileen, Ralph and Helen, did not know that her baptismal name was Bertha until many years later.

Bettye attended grade school at Lansing Public School and high school at Thornton Fractional Township High School in Calumet City, Illinois. Following this she attended Hartnett Business College and did clerical work for eight years before entering the congregation in 1948. Bettye entered the Novitiate in 1949 and received the name Sister Dolores Marie, the name that she kept throughout her religious life. In 1951 she professed her temporary vows and in 1954 her perpetual vows.

Sister Dolores Marie began her long teaching career in grade school and soon moved to teaching high school while moderating many clubs and classes. Interspersed with her teaching she also continued her studies. Sister Dolores Marie graduated with a BA in History from the College of St. Francis and also completed the Seraphic Institute. She received a Masters in Business Education from the University of Notre Dame. Sister Dolores Marie was very interested in education and availed herself to many courses, individual enrichment opportunities, and lectures as much as possible. Her many years of teaching in Illinois, Ohio, and Florida (where she taught in the same high school for 23 years) were followed by working in our Development Office and volunteering her time at the National Religious Vocation Conference



in Chicago. She was a hard and dedicated worker who took on any task with enthusiasm and accuracy. Her spirit of adventure was mixed into everything she did. We heard comments from our donors who looked forward to receiving thank you letters from the Development Office written by Sister Dolores Marie because of the kind words and upbeat spirit that she shared.

Sister Dolores Marie retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in 1999. Though her mental abilities weakened and she was not able to do many of the things she previously enjoyed, she participated as much as she could in activities and parties. Being social in nature, she loved being with other people and appreciated the care and love she received. We had been called more than once to her bedside as she weakened but it was quietly on the morning of August 31 that she was called home to God that she had served so faithfully for many years.

We thank the administrators, nurses, aides and other staff who treated her with such compassion and care. We remember her family; Ralph and Barb, Eileen, Helen and Norman; as well as her many nieces and nephews as they mourn their sister and their aunt. We remember all our sisters, her brother Robert, and her parents who preceded her in death and ask them to join in a grand celebration with her in heaven. May she rest with our loving God forever. Amen. Alleluia.

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May 26, 1921 — August 31, 2007

<i>Born:</i>	May 26, 1921
<i>Parents:</i>	Leo E. and Helen T. (Ruth) McLaughlin
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 6, 1948
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 12, 1949
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1951
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1954
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	August 31, 2007

Ministry History

1951—1952	Teacher, Grade 3: Immaculate Conception, Toledo, Ohio
1952—1953	Teacher, Grade 4 : St. Bernard, Joliet
1953—1956	Teacher, Religion, Business: St. Francis Academy, Joliet
1956—1962	Teacher, Religion, Business: Marybrook Academy, Maumee, Ohio
1962—1963	Teacher: St. Mary's High School, Columbus, Ohio
1963—1964	Teacher, History, Business: Sacred Heart High School, Englewood
1964—1965	Teacher: St. Mary's High School, Columbus, Ohio
1965—1988	Teacher, Business Education: Cardinal Gibbons High School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1988—1989	Participant: Wellsprings, Westmont, Illinois
1989—1992	Secretary/Office Manager: Congregation Development Office, Joliet
1992—1999	Secretary: Congregation Development Office
1999—2007	Retired

<i>Wake:</i>	Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Wake Service:</i>	Tuesday, September 4, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Mass of Christian Burial:</i>	Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
<i>Burial:</i>	Wednesday, September 5, 2007, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 8:30 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
<i>Interment:</i>	S8-L6-G10 Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents Leo and Helen (Ruth) McLaughlin, and brother Robert
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her sisters Mary Eileen Conces and Helen (Norman) Mills, and brother Ralph (Barb) McLaughlin, nieces, and nephews

Rest in Peace, Sister Dolores Marie