



Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

Marilyn Schacht entered life on December 12, 1931, in Lemont, Illinois. Her parents, Alice (Farley) and Emil Schacht brought her home to meet her brothers, John and Edward. Marilyn's sister, Alice, had died seven years earlier. Her parents and brothers, (now deceased) welcomed her warmly and lovingly into the family.

Eight days after her birth, Marilyn was baptized at St. Patrick Church in Lemont. Eventually, she attended Lemont Public Elementary School and upon graduation enrolled at St. Francis Academy, now Joliet Catholic Academy. Here she met her future close friend, Sister Peter, her freshman homeroom teacher.

During her years at St. Francis, Marilyn began to feel drawn to religious life. She knew even then that she would one day ask to be accepted into this Franciscan Congregation. After completing high school, Marilyn remained home to work, to support and to help care for her family. Ten years later Marilyn did indeed become a postulant and in 1960 entered the novitiate where she received the name of Sr. Alice Emile. Throughout her early years in religious life, Sr. Alice Emile grew spiritually. Her deep desire is reflected in several letters she wrote to our Superior General in which she asked to renew her vows and finally to be allowed to profess her final vows. She writes: "This is a day I have long wanted and hoped for – to make my commitment to God complete and final. In my daily prayers I ask His help, strength and courage to walk in His ways and to remain faithful to His call." Sr. Alice Emile remained focused on the examples of Saints Francis and Clare and prayed daily that their lives would always inspire her.

Sr. Alice Emile began her years of service at Our Lady of Angels as a Nurses' Aide. She loved caring for the elderly, the sick and dying. After five years of serving them, she entered St. Frances Xavier Cabrini School of Practical Nursing in Chicago. In 1970 she received her certificate as a Licensed

Alleluia!



Sister M. Alice Emile Schacht, OSF

Practical Nurse and returned to serve again at OLA. Here she continued to fulfill her dream "to spread the love of God and the ideals of St. Francis and to be a helping hand to the elderly so that they might live and die with dignity." She was so grateful to be able to care for the sick and dying.

Although Sr. Alice Emile was rather quiet and reserved, she did enjoy sharing good times with others. She was an avid Cubs fan but also rooted for the Joliet Jackhammers. Her friends, Sr. Peter Didier, Sr. Phyllis Pitz, Sr. Andrea Prindes, Sr. Johanna Didier and Millie Blaha can tell you how much she enjoyed an evening of card playing! Following the antics of Snoopy in the Peanuts Comics brought her great fun and many laughs.

Above all, Sr. Alice Emile cherished her life as a Joliet Franciscan. She loved her family and friends. Her sister-in-law, Jane Schacht, and cousin, Mona Klee, were very dear to her. Sr. Peter remained a close friend and support to her over these many years. Through times of good health or painful illness, Sr. Alice Emile could always rely on her dear friend. We pray for Sr. Alice Emile and all those who loved her in this life.

Though we now mourn, we also rejoice that Sr. Alice Emile has reached her Eternal reward. May she continue to pray for all of us now that she has been born into eternal life.

Amen. Alleluia.

Sister M. Alice Emile Schacht, OSF

December 12, 1931 — October 19, 2008

Born: December 12, 1931
Parents: Emil E. and Alice A. (Farley) Schacht
Postulancy: September 13, 1959
Novitiate: August 13, 1960
First Profession: August 12, 1962
Final Profession: August 12, 1967
Entered New Life: October 19, 2008

Ministry History

1963-1965 Nurses Aide: Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, Illinois
1965-1966 Nurses Aide: Guardian Angels Home, Joliet
1966-1969 Nurses Aide: Our Lady of Angels
1969-1970 Student: Mother Cabrini Hospital, Chicago
1970-1994 Licensed Practical Nurse: Our Lady of Angels
1994-2001 Assistant Director of Nursing: Our Lady of Angels
2001-2008 L.P.N. for lay residents, Our Lady Of Angels
April 2008 Community Service

Wake: Friday, October 24, 2008, 2:00-6:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Prayer Service: Friday, October 24, 2008, 4:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, October 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Angels, Joliet
Burial: Saturday, October 25, 2008, leaving Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL
Interment: S8-L6-G7 Resurrection Cemetery
Predeceased by: Her parents, Emil and Alice (Farley) Schacht; and her brothers John and Edward and her sister Alice
Survived by: Cousins, Ramona , Michael and John Klee

Rest in Peace, Sister Alice Emile