

SISTER LORETTA TURES, O.S.F. (HILARY) 736

Born: April 7, 1913
Parents: Mathias and Martha Helen (Eich) Tures
Entered from: St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL
Postulancy: September 8, 1934
Novitiate: August 12, 1935
Profession: August 12, 1937
Died: Thursday, November 23, 1995, at 9:25 p.m.
at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home



Ministry:

1937-38 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, CSF Student
1938-40 St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago, IL,
Latin, Algebra, Religion, English, German, Typing
1940-41 St. Mary High School, Columbus, OH, German, Physics,
Typing, Shorthand, Science Club
1941-44 Central Catholic High School, Johnstown, PA,
Religion, Health, History
1944-52 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, History, Math, Religion
1952-56 Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, IL, Principal
1956-58 ✓ St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Principal
1958-61 St. Peter High School, Mansfield, OH, Math, Religion
1961-74 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, Math, Alumnae Moderator
1974-90 Joliet Catholic High School, Joliet, IL, Guidance Office
1990-95 Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Our Lady of Angels, Monday, November 27, 1995
2-7p.m. with prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

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

Burial: Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL, S8-L352-G12
Tuesday, November 28, 1995, from Our Lady of Angels
at 9:30 a.m.

Survived by:

Two brothers:

John (Mary Louise) Tures,
Hubert (Rita) Tures

Sister-in-law:

Eleanor (Andrew deceased) Tures

Local nieces and nephew:

Geraldine (Richard deceased) Gollick,
Donald (Phyllis) Tures,
Frances (Albert) Naal.

Many other nieces, nephews, cousins.

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

Sister Loretta Tures was born in Chicago on April 7, 1913 to Mathias and Martha Helen Tures. Baptized at St. Alphonsus Church in Chicago, she was given the name Loretta Anna. Later her family moved to Des Plaines, becoming active members of St. Mary's Parish. Loretta spent her childhood with her six brothers and two sisters, graduating from St. Mary's grammar school in Des Plaines.

Her parents were a strong influence on the faith of the whole family. Loretta had a special love for her parents through all of her life and kept their pictures in her room. Her words written in 1984 convey the thoughts she often expressed to those who visited her: "My mother and father had a strong influence on my life. Even though there were nine children, we were each very much loved and cared for and we knew that they loved each other. They taught me Christianity by their example. God was a very important part of their lives. They served God well. Religion wasn't preached; it was lived in our home." Nourished by this faith, on September 8, 1934 at age 21, Loretta became a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet. A year later she was received into the novitiate and was given the name Sister Hilary, a name recommended by Father Linden her pastor from Des Plaines.

Sister Hilary's educational ministries were in secondary and higher education. She loved teaching and wrote: "My years in the classroom are especially rewarding and enjoyable. The Lord gifted me as a teacher and I have been very successful in that area. I also have had the privilege of seeing many of my former students succeed in their life choices and I am happy to see how well they have done. My ministry as a guidance assistant at Joliet Catholic High School has been most rewarding for me. The students and faculty form a warm, loving community. The greater majority of the students are very much aware that the faculty care about them and have their best interests at heart. They respond accordingly. It is a privilege and a joy to minister to Joliet Catholic High School." Her love for the boys at Catholic High was a reminder of the love her brothers had for her as a child and throughout her life.

In 1990, after completing over 50 years in Catholic education, Sister Loretta came to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home where she continued her ministry of prayer. Sister Loretta had been close to death many times. Her health gradually weakened and on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, surrounded by her Franciscan Sisters and her nieces, Geraldine Gollick and Frances Naal, Sister Loretta quietly went back to her God.

Sister Loretta, we are grateful for your presence among us over these many years. You have shown us the importance of family values, of Catholic education and of loyalty to our Congregation. May your eternal life with God be a time of praise and thanksgiving for the gifts you have taught us to cherish. Pray for us, your family, your students and friends and your Franciscan Sisters as you shine as a star for all eternity, united with God in faith, hope and love. Amen. Alleluia.

