

SISTER M. ANICETA GUYETTE, OSF (Lucy)
 Born: November 22, 1888 in Superior, Wisconsin
 Parents: John and Mary (Morrisette) Guyette



Postulancy: September 13, 1904
 Novitiate: March 6, 1905
 1st Prof: August 12, 1907
 Final Prof: August 12, 1913

Celebrated her 75th anniversary of Reception as a Novice on March 2, 1980 with a special Congregation celebration at the Motherhouse.

Ministry:

1906-07 St. Stephen, Johnstown, PA, Grades 1, 2
 1907-08 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Grades 3, 4
 1908-09 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL, Grade 4
 1909-17 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI, grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 1917-31 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, High School Teacher
 1930-31: Teacher at both St. Francis Academy and the
 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
 1931-33 College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
 1931-32: Teacher, Prefect of Resident Students
 1932-33: First semester: Librarian, Prefect of Resident Students
 Second semester: Graduate Student at Catholic University,
 Washington, D.C.
 1933-34 Sorbonne, Paris, France, Resident Student
 1934-35 Sorbonne, Paris, France, Resident Student until October
 October-January: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Librarian
 Second Semester: University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, Graduate Student
 1935-38 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, Graduate Student
 1938-69: College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
 1938-53: President of CSF; Faculty, French Department
 1953-69: Faculty, French Department
 1969-Dec., Crosier Seminary, Onamia, MN, Librarian
 1976:
 1977-81: St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Retired
 1981-84: Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL

Died: Friday, February 10, 1984, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet.
 Age: 95 years old; in religious life 79 years
 Wake: Sunday, February 12, 1984, 2-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home
 Prayer: Sunday, February 12, 1984, 3:30 p.m.
 Mass: Sunday, February 12, 1984, 7:00 p.m.
 Burial: Monday, February 13, 1984, Resurrection Cemetery, Lockport.
 Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m.

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

February 10, 1984

Dear Sisters,

The Crosierite in 1976 wrote, "One of the grandest ladies ever to have come to Crosier is Sr. Aniceta Guyette, OSF." And we can add, to the Sisters of St. Francis as well. To the astonishment of everyone, after a brief two-day illness, she slipped away in her own quiet way on February 10, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet. She had paced herself through life in a spirit of great tranquility, and departed this life in that same peaceful manner.

Attempting to summarize 95 years of an active, energetic, and altogether quality life in a few paragraphs is an almost impossible task. Sister Aniceta, born Lucy Guyette, traced her heritage from Superior, WI to Joliet, to France, to Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Minnesota before retiring only four years ago at Our Lady of Angels. She was one of our outstanding educators who worked her way up through the grades, to high school, and then into higher education, leaving an impact on her students, not only because of her professional expertise, but because of her quiet dignity as a sensitive woman religious.

The story of Sister Aniceta is one of great accomplishments, but that story would be ill-told if it related only her external activities. She was a woman of great spiritual depth and intellectual achievement as well. Her love of Francis began in the Novitiate but was nourished by her visit to his tomb in March, 1934. She wrote to Mother Thomasine: "How I love this place!"--and then continued to describe in detail the tomb of Francis in the Basilica at Assisi. Her devotion to Mary was deeply engrained by a pilgrimage to Lourdes in June of that same year. Again she wrote: "I never, in my wildest dreams, thought that I would ever be writing to you from Lourdes...All day long, from five o'clock in the morning until long after ten at night, the prayers and hymns continue. It is most edifying and impressive...Tomorrow I shall be leaving this blessed spot where everything speaks of Our Lady." It is definitely not coincidence that she died on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mary definitely wanted this year's celebration to be in Heaven.

Sister Aniceta understood well the importance of adequate preparation for service. She labored many summers to receive her Bachelor's Degree from DePaul University and a Master's Degree from Loyola University. She also received a degree in library science from the University of Illinois. Her studies in French took her to the Sorbonne in Paris, culminating a few years later in a Doctorate from the University of Illinois. All of this education was the foundation for her educational leadership on both a secondary and collegiate level. In 1938 she became the second President of the College of St. Francis, remarking as she took this office that it is "with the hope that the College of St. Francis may expand more each year in learning and in culture and especially in the spirit of St. Francis."



Though the work was intensive during those years of building the College into a first-rate institution of higher learning in the state of Illinois, Sister Aniceta lived a balanced life with work very much in equilibrium with leisure. Nothing thrilled her more at the end of the day than the intellectual challenge of a game of Scrabble in French, German, or even English. She thoroughly enjoyed parties and Congregation get-togethers, and at times proved a winner in Halloween masquerades.

Sister Aniceta was always busy with some type of craft work. Last Christmas she and Sister Joan crocheted miniature stockings for each Sister at Our Lady of Angels, and Christmas '84 will find some of their handiwork under the Christmas tree at OLA. She wanted "to get it finished"--ten months before the deadline!

Not only was Sister Aniceta the only member of her class to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee, but she experienced the thrill of celebrating the 75th anniversary of her reception as a novice in March, 1980. A special slide presentation portrayed the highlights of her long and fruitful years, with her Franciscan Sisters, her relatives, and her Crosier friends in attendance.

Sister Aniceta was, indeed, a great lady, a joyful Franciscan, a fine educator, possessing the quiet dignity of one who knows herself and her God, and is willing to share this relationship with all those who walked the path of life with her. She has lived in the Congregation 79 years. We will truly miss her presence among us, but would never deny her the joys of Heaven and the intimate experience of the Lord Whom she has served so well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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