

**SISTER M. KENNETH HANS O.S.F. (Mildred) 651**

**Born:** October 19, 1910  
**Parents:** Adam and Elizabeth (Berlo) Hans  
**Postulancy:** September 3, 1928  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1929  
**First Profession:** August 12, 1931  
**Final Profession:** August 12, 1934  
**Died:** February 25, 1989 at 12:00 noon  
Mansfield General Hospital, Mansfield, OH.



**Ministry:**

1931 - 1943	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grades 1 & 2
1943 - 1950	Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 1
1950 - 1961	St. Ann, Lansing, IL, Grade 1
1961 - 1967	St. Raymond, Joliet, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1967 - 1978	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grades 1, 2 & 3
1978 - 1989	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Substitute & Teacher's Aide

**Wake:** Monday, February 27, 1989  
Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Wappner Funeral Home, Mansfield, OH

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Tuesday, February 28, 1989 at 1:00 p.m.  
St. Peter Church, Mansfield, OH

**Burial:** Mansfield Catholic Cemetery

**Survived by:** sister, Alverda Hans, nieces and nephews

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

On Saturday, February 25, 1989, at approximately 12:00 noon, our Sister Kenneth Hans was born to life eternal. Although she had experienced weakness and some pain for a few weeks, her death was unexpected. She had been staying with her devoted sister, Alverda. Saturday morning she had breakfast and was beginning to do some of her favorite word-finder puzzles, when she experienced chest pains. She was rushed to Mansfield General Hospital, and there was pronounced dead. Her Pastor, Fr. John Blaser, and Alverda were with her.

The daughter of Elizabeth and Adam Hans, Mildred was born October 19, 1910 in Mansfield, Ohio. There were nine children in the Hans family, five boys and four girls. Sr. Kenneth was the baby, and she knew, but never gloated over the fact, that her wish was usually the command of one of her big brothers or sisters. She was raised in a loving family atmosphere, and remained close to her family all her life. Her Mansfield home at 355 Altamont became home for many of our Sisters, and her family became part of our extended Franciscan Family. Her sister, Alverda, the only living member of the family, always welcomed our Sisters with open arms. Today we reach out to her and to all of Sr. Kenneth's family with our prayers and loving support.

Sr. Kenneth entered the postulancy in 1928 when she was eighteen years old. She was a member of the first graduating class of St. Peter's High School in 1928. Msgr. Gobel was pastor at St. Peter's then, and wrote in glowing terms about Mildred, saying "Her parents are firm Catholics, and her home life has developed in her an excellent Catholic character". She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1981. She was conscientious about her religious life, prayerful and devoted to Mary.

Sr. Kenneth was also devoted to her Franciscan family. She loved the Sisters and knew how to be a real friend, and to enjoy life with them. She was faithful to our elderly Sisters at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, and spent many hours doing embroidery pieces and needlework for their Christmas Bazaar.

Her big sister, our Sr. Edna Hans, who died in 1979, and who was known in our Congregation as an excellent educator, directed St. Kenneth's ministry. Sr. Kenneth loved the little children and spent fifty-nine years with them as a primary grade teacher. She began teaching in 1930 and continued full time until 1978, and part time until February 15, 1989.

Her size in no way measured her generosity. She was tiny, but mighty. Those who know her best speak of her as thorough, patient, firm, but kind and gentle. She warmed herself into the hearts of her children. Her sense of humor appealed to them. They had fun in her classroom, while they learned. We can only imagine how deeply she must have touched her children during her many years of ministry.

One of her final activities in the classroom was helping the third grade children make butterflies as decorations for Catholic School Week. The butterfly is a symbol for new life, and how appropriate it is to think of our Sr. Kenneth now experiencing the fullness of that new life. We will miss her presence with us, but we rejoice with her. We know she is now reunited with her beloved Hans and Franciscan families and we wish her life in abundance for all eternity. Amen. Alleluia.

