

SISTER M. GENEROSA HARTUNG O.S.F. (Lillian) 685

Born: June 10, 1905 in Chicago, IL
Parents: Peter and Lillian (Ross) Hartung
Postulancy: January 2, 1923
Novitiate: August 12, 1923
First Profession: August 12, 1925
Final Profession: August 12, 1928
Died: Sunday, July 7, 1991 at 5:45 a.m.
at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet



Ministry:

1924 - 1925 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 2
1925 - 1926 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Grades 1 & 2
1926 - 1928 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1928 - 1930 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1930 - 1931 St. John the Baptist, Joliet, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1931 - 1932 Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1932 - 1933 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grade 1
St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1933 - 1936 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Grades 4 & 5
1936 - 1937 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 5
1937 - 1939 SS. Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1939 - 1942 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grades 3 & 4
1942 - 1943 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1943 - 1947 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Grade 3
1947 - 1949 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grades 4 & 5
1949 - 1951 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1951 - 1952 Our Lady of Mercy, Granville, OH, General work,
Teacher, Prefect
1952 - 1953 St. Joseph, Elgin, IL, Grade 2
1953 - 1955 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL, Grade 2
1955 - 1956 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, IL, Grade 2
1956 - 1959 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 5
1959 - 1961 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grades 4 & 5
1961 - 1962 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL, Grade 6
1962 - 1963 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1963 - 1966 SS. Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL, Grade 4
1966 - 1968 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, Grade 3
1968 - 1969 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Sacristan
1969 - 1970 SS. Cyril & Methodius, Chicago, IL, Sacristan
1970 - 1973 St. Ludmilla, Chicago, IL, General Work
1973 - 1983 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Housekeeping
1983 - 1991 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Wednesday, July 10, 1991 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Joliet

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, July 10, 1991 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Thursday, July 11, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.
Interment Resurrection Cemetery

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

Early on Sunday, the 7th of July, Sister Generosa Hartung was called to her eternal home after many years of quiet suffering mainly due to her poor eyesight. Her unassuming nature and gentleness characterized her life on mission and into her retirement years at Our Lady of Angels.

Sister Generosa was born to Peter and Lillian Hartung on June 6, 1905 in Chicago and was the second of three children. Her early education was at our Sacred Heart Parish in Englewood. At age seventeen, she entered the Congregation and pursued studies at the College of St. Francis where she earned a Bachelor's degree in English. A few years later she took courses in mental retardation at the Psychological Institute of Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee.

Teaching primary and early middle grades for forty-four years, Sister Generosa was always ready to listen to the many stories of her students. First Communion days were the "crowning point" of her work with the primary children. Most of her teaching years were in Columbus, Ohio and various schools in Chicago. As teacher in so many classrooms, as Prefect at Granville, and as sacristan, she gave her all for she was tireless and hard working wherever she felt there was a cause.

Over the ages civilization has named objects, things, and persons with great deliberation to specify the uniqueness of each. The significance of our names becomes especially meaningful when that name is symbolic of who we really are. How true this was for Sister Generosa wherein everything about her is wrapped up in her name, which was given to her at her Reception into religious life.

If one were to suggest only one quality that characterized her whole person through a lifetime, it would be generosity, that giving of self completely to anyone who could benefit from what she had to offer. She shared everything that she had with anyone, whether it was for one of the Sisters with whom she lived, for the children in the classroom or for a Brother on the Road. She was ever ready to do even the most menial tasks in an unassuming manner. It was this being for others that made her unique among the sisters and the people with whom she came in contact.

Her lack of good eyesight was truly a cross for her because she loved books, art and music. Her acceptance of her suffering was an example to all around her. Her attitude and outlook on life, remarked by one of the sisters, was refreshing.

Your friendly hello will be missed, Genny, but we gently hand you over to the God whom you served so faithfully all these years. Amen. Alleluia.

