

SISTER M. JANICE KUMPF O.S.F. (Clara) 656



Born: February 25, 1908
Parents: Andrew and Barbara (Siebert) Kumpf
Postulancy: September 8, 1931
Novitiate: August 12, 1932
First Profession: August 12, 1934
Final Profession: August 12, 1937
Died: Friday, June 16, 1989 at 10:40 p.m. at
Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Ministry:

1934 - 1935 St. Mary, Des Plaines, IL, Grade 7
1935 - 1936 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL, Student
1936 - 1937 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Student
1937 - 1949 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, English, Latin, Algebra,
History
1949 - 1952 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Religion, Latin, English
1952 - 1953 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Religion, Latin, Librarian
1953 - 1958 Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL, Latin, Religion, History,
English
1958 - 1963 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Latin, English, Algebra,
Religion, Office Work
1963 - 1964 Sacred Heart, Englewood, Religion, Latin, English,
Civics
1964 - 1975 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, English, Latin, German
1975 - 1989 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Food Service

Wake: Sunday, June 18, 1989 from 2 - 7 p.m. with a prayer service
at 4:15 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Sunday, June 18, 1989 at 7 p.m.

Burial: Monday, June 19, 1989, Resurrection Cemetery.

Survived by: Brother, Edward, and sister, Catherine Chainey

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

At 10:40 p.m. on June 16, Sister Janice Kumpf peacefully slipped into eternity which she looked forward to during the last brief days of illness. Surrounded by many Sisters, nurses, and aides, and entering into the prayers that were intermittently prayed during her last hours, Sister Janice was ready to be received by Mary whom she invoked often, and to meet her God.

Born in the German Village of Columbus, Ohio, Clara Kumpf was the ninth child of German born Barbara and Andrew Kumpf. She was the youngest of five girls and four boys, and was instilled with a religious attitude by her parents' example. Another profound influence on her was her first grade teacher, Mother Immaculate who by her gentleness, kindly ways and genuine friendliness in her approach to life, people and especially children, inspired Sister Janice.

A B.A. was earned from the College of St. Francis and an M.A. in Latin was awarded with distinction from De Paul University in Chicago. Her expertise in languages spilled over into 42 years of teaching that discipline. Teaching assignments found her in Illinois and Ohio - St. Mary's, Des Plaines, Englewood, St. Clements, and in Columbus, St. Mary's and St. Peter's in Mansfield. St. Peter's held a special place in her heart for it was there that she spent 38 years. She recalled the days of living in "72", the fifth floor dorm of the building.

By accident Sister Janice found herself involved in one of her first loves, culinary arts. Relieving the cook who wanted a year off for studies, Janice spent the next 15 years preparing meals for the sisters with whom she lived.

A third expertise that most parishioners would vouch for was her ability to handle multiple cards at bingo. The week-end would not be complete without her participating in the parish event. Everyone knew that Sister Janice was very ill when she forfeited some of those evenings at the end.

We gather in thankfulness for the many years that Janice was with us. The desire to be of service to others which she committed herself to in her early days flowed over into her last days... "What is done for anyone... is done for the Lord" was her by-word. That joy was evidenced even in her last days as she literally raised her arms in an expression of praise with the aides lovingly surrounding her.

Sister Janice, you slipped from us very fast, but we know that you are with the Lord in your true home. We will remember you with fondness and with thankfulness.

