

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

May 7, 1988

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Sister Estelle Weidner, christened Luella, was born in Buffalo Grove, Illinois in 1901. She entered the Congregation in 1928, following her older sister Marie, our deceased Sister Cordelia.

Sister Estelle was, in every way, a dedicated and committed minister of music, giving over 50 years of her life to music education in Ohio and Illinois. Sister was already an accomplished musician when she entered the convent and, over the years, had a special interest in orchestra and choral work in addition to giving lessons in piano, organ, violin, cello and bass. Her position as first violinist in the Summer Orchestra was always a source of great pride and satisfaction to her, and many remember Sister Estelle's performances and recitals as a classical violinist...she was truly a "string specialist."

As her health deteriorated in her later years, and debilitating arthritis set in, her mobility was curtailed but her enthusiasm and commitment to her art and to her students continued. Sister officially retired in 1981, when her failing health finally mandated a much less active lifestyle. Indicative of the fact that her lively spirit and enthusiasm were still very much alive though, was her recent response to a question about hobbies that she especially enjoyed. Her reply - Music, Music, Music!!!

Sister Estelle is survived by her sister, Edith and her nephews and nieces, including her Joliet Franciscan niece, Sister Yvonne Weidner. To all of them we extend our sincere sympathy.

Sister Estelle's choice of readings for tonight's liturgy speak of an all-loving God who "bears us up on eagle's wings." We celebrate her life and death as blessing - may she now know eternal joy and peace in the presence of the God she loved and served so faithfully.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board
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SISTER M. ESTELLE WEIDNER O.S.F. (Luella)



Born: March 27, 1901
Parents: Adam and Henrietta (Knittel) Weidner
Postulancy: September 3, 1928
Novitiate: August 12, 1929
First Profession: August 12, 1931
Final Profession: August 12, 1934
Died: Wednesday, May 4, 1988 at Our Lady of Angels at 9:30 p.m.

Ministry:

1931 - 1934 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1934 - 1935 St. Mary, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1935 - 1944 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, Music Department - Violin, Piano, Orchestra
1944 - 1953 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, Music Teacher, Piano, Violin, Cello, Bass, Organ
1953 - 1954 St. John, Joliet, IL, Music Teacher, Organist, Choir
1954 - 1957 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Music Teacher
1957 - 1958 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH, Music Teacher, Organist, Choir, Glee Club, Music Appreciation
1958 - 1959 St. Clement, Chicago, IL, Music Teacher, Organist, Music Appreciation, Glee Club
1959 - 1961 Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Music Teacher, Organist
1961 - 1964 Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Music, Organist
1964 - 1981 St. Paul, Joliet, IL, Music, Organist, Private Lessons
1981 - 1988 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL, Retired

Wake: Saturday, May 7, 1988 from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial: Saturday, May 7, 1988 at 4 p.m.

Burial: Monday, May 9, 1988 from OLA at 9 a.m. to Resurrection Cemetery

Survived by: sister, Edith Hertel, nieces and nephews, including Sister Yvonne Weidner, O.S.F.