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S. DOLORES MEYER, OSF

April 4, 2022

Dear Sisters, Associates, Co-workers, Family and Friends,

Just two days after the funeral of one of her classmates, on April 3, S. Dolores Meyer passed peacefully into eternal life to join her classmate, S. Marilyn Hofer and her other classmates. May she be celebrating a glorious early Easter!

S. Dolores was born the first child of Alvin and Helen Meyer in St. Louis, Missouri. She was later joined by her brother, Martin. The two of them were very close. S. Dolores would say, "I have the best brother in the world." Martin was truly faithful to weekly calls to chat with his sister.

S. Dolores came to know our Sisters as a student at Holy Cross in St. Louis. The last three years of her high school were spent at Immaculate Conception Academy (Oldenburg Academy) as an aspirant and then, as an academy student when the aspirancy program was discontinued. She and S. Norma Rocklage, a classmate, rode the train together from St. Louis to Oldenburg during those high school years. But the most exciting train ride was September 8, 1951 when they left to enter the convent. S. Dolores related, "There was a sad tug at our hearts, but we also felt the strong comfort of the Lord, knowing that we were following His call, His invitation."

S. Dolores began her teaching career as an excellent primary teacher in Indiana and Missouri. She was known to reach out to special education students taught by S. Catherine Raters. Since school was challenging for her, she especially encouraged disadvantaged children who had a hard time in school.

Later, she moved to Montana and our missions at St. Xavier School, in St. Xavier and St. Charles School, in Pryor where her talents were used for teaching Language Arts and Religion. S. Dolores accepted people where they were. She was very flexible.

Parish work then followed with S. Dolores serving as a Director of Religious Education, where she continued to work with young people. Finally, she served at Immaculate Conception Parish in Old Monroe as a Pastoral Minister and worked with adults and the R.C.I.A process. In this ministry, lay people found her approachable and easy to talk to. S. Dolores was known for her simplicity.

A good Community person, S. Dolores always joined in the monthly meetings that gathered the Sisters in the St. Louis area as well as Forum meetings. S. Dolores was described by S. Francesca Thompson, as a most gentle, very kind and soft spoken person. "She never spoke an unkind word." S. Barb Hileman remembers her as always having a smile to share. S. Edna Martini found her easy to get along with, approachable by people of all ages, and a pleasure to work with.

We thank you, S. Dolores, for the gifts that you have shared with so many children as well as their parents, and with adult Catholics and those joining the Church through R.C.I.A. We thank you for being the beautiful person God created you to be, for being a humble Franciscan and sharing your life with us. The Sisters on your floor in St. Clare Hall will miss you and your smile.

We extend our sympathy to her brother, Martin, as well as members of her convent class and other Sisters and friends. Our whole-hearted thanks and sympathy to our nursing and pastoral care staff in St. Clare Hall.

In gratitude for S. Dolores, an accepting and loving woman,



S. Annette Grisley
For the General Council

SISTER DOLORES (Formerly S. Joseph Mary) MEYER, OSF

Birth: February 7, 1934

Entrance into Religious Life: September 8, 1951

Entrance into Eternal Life: April 3, 2022

MISSIONS WHERE S. DOLORES SERVED:

1953-1955	Little Flower, Indianapolis IN
1955-1956	St. Mark, Indianapolis IN
1956-1957	Sacred Heart, Troy MO
1957-1958	St. Michael, Brookville IN
1958-1959	Sacred Heart, Clinton IN
1959-1961	St. Mary, Indianapolis IN
1961-1967	Holy Trinity, St. Louis MO
1967-1971	St. Xavier Mission, St. Xavier MT
1971-1973	St. Charles, Pryor MT
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1975-1976	St. Charles, Pryor MT
1976-1980	Catholic Central, New Albany IN
1980-1982	St. Joseph, Evansville IN
1982-1987	Holy Cross, St. Louis MO
1987-2010	Immaculate Conception, Old Monroe MO
2010-2022	Motherhouse, Oldenburg IN

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Weigel Funeral Home – visit their website to view Sister's online memorial, and if desired, an online condolence may be left on the site to share with her family and the Franciscan Sisters – www.Weigelfh.com

Memorial Donations in Sister's memory may be given online at www.OldenburgFranciscans.org