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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. VIRGINIA ANN STREIT, OSF

July 29, 2019

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

On the day of her 80th jubilee, our Sister Virginia Ann Streit wavered between an earthly remembrance and a heavenly feast. Who can deny that she chose the better part as at 6:45 p.m. she accepted the latter invitation? Actually, Virginia Ann had told individuals throughout this year that she would not be celebrating jubilee here. In more recent days she could be heard praying, “Come, angels; angels, come!”

Emma Josephine Streit was born November 20, 1921 and raised on a farm at St. Ann’s, Jennings County, Indiana, approximately five miles northeast of North Vernon. There she helped with the horses, cows, pigs, and chickens, as well as with her mother’s large garden. She recalled an unusual farm technique—throwing water on the hens to dislodge them from their nests when it was time to collect the eggs!

Though Emma never knew any Sisters, she had heard her parents speak of them and read about them in Catholic magazines. Her early interest in the Franciscans began when she read about the first Franciscan missionaries in California. It was while she did housework in Dayton, Ohio during summer vacations from high school that Emma looked through the telephone directory for addresses of various religious communities. As she wrote in her autobiography, “My purpose was to find the community to which God was calling me.” Finding in the telephone book the address of Our Lady of Mercy, she connected with Sister Germaine who, during a subsequent visit, showed her our mission list. Emma was impressed with the many missions of our Oldenburg Community, as well as by the Sisters she met at the Dayton parish. That visit led to her entrance in September of 1939.

S. Virginia Ann taught primary grades for her whole teaching career and loved the little ones. It was her delight to be the one who taught them to read. Summarizing her life’s journey in our most recent *Celebrate*, Virginia Ann wrote, “When I entered, I never thought I would be a teacher. I just expected to be a ‘nun’ and pray. Then I was sent out to teach primary grades and found that I loved the children and had joy in teaching. So from 1941-1981 I taught grades from first to fourth and enjoyed it all.”

After forty years in this ministry, Virginia Ann was asked to be a nursing assistant in the convent healthcare center, and took a short course as preparation. She enjoyed this ministry as well; it provided an opportunity for one-to-one interaction, as opposed to dealing with a whole classroom full of kids.

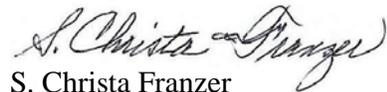
S. Virginia Ann was a meticulous, detailed-oriented person. She spent much time researching her family genealogy and left pages of information, listing names and dates of each individual, what was his/her occupation, and where each was buried. Her love of family also showed itself in her comprehensive directions indicating to whom each of her “treasures” should be returned upon her death.

One could always find a warm welcome in visiting Virginia Ann. When an individual Sister stopped in her room, Virginia Ann might have to ask for the person’s first name, but she herself could always quickly supply the last name as well. Virginia Ann delighted in having family come each year to participate in Family Fun Day. Hers was always one of the first circles of benches to be reserved on campus for this event!

To Virginia Ann’s many nieces and nephews, her extended family and friends, we offer our sympathy. Our heartfelt gratitude extends as well to those who provided her with loving care in St. Clare Hall.

Sister Virginia Ann, our 80-Year Jubilarian, may you celebrate forever an eternal Jubilee!

In thanksgiving for a life of faithfulness,



S. Christa Franzer
For the General Council

SISTER VIRGINIA ANN (Emma Josephine) STREIT

Birth: 11-20-1921
Entrance into Religious Life: 09-08-1939
Entrance into Eternal Life: 07-28-2019

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. VIRGINIA ANN (Emma Josephine) STREIT SERVED:

1942-1947	St. Anthony, Evansville IN
1947-1949	St. Mary, Greensburg IN
1949-1957	St. Anthony, Dayton OH
1957-1958	St. John, Enochsburg IN
1958-1965	St. James, White Oak, Cincinnati OH
1965-1966	St. Joseph, Shelbyville IN
1966-1969	St. Mary, Aurora IN
1969-1973	St. Mary, Middletown OH
1973-1974	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Cincinnati OH
1974-1978	St. Bernard, Taylor Creek OH
1978-1981	St. Anthony, Dayton OH
1981-1986	Motherhouse Nursing Staff, Oldenburg IN
1986-1996	Motherhouse Assistant in Olivia Hall, Oldenburg IN
1996-2019	Motherhouse

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.OldenburgerFranciscans.org