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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. CAROL ANN ANGERMEIER, OSF

January 9, 2015

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

At the ripe age of 94, on the eve of our Founding Day, Sister Carol Ann (Gertrude) Angermeier journeyed peacefully home to God, her divine Gardener.

S. Carol Ann was the second of eight children born to Oscar and Wilfrieda Rexing Angermeier. In her autobiography she spoke of growing up in a good, loving, Catholic family. They took care of one another and shared in the chores. She was eight years old when the Great Depression caused her family to move from Evansville to a farm. It was here that Gertrude's great love for growing plants took root. This served her well throughout life as she tended a garden wherever she lived.

Living in the Evansville area, Gertrude attended St. Benedict School, St. Joseph School and Reitz Memorial High School. She went on to business college and worked in the public sector during the WW II era while also helping her mother care for the younger children.

The seed of a religious vocation was planted in the heart of Gertrude and took root, grew and flourished. In 1943, Gertrude entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis and later took the name S. Carol Ann. Not only did she grow spiritually, she also welcomed the educational opportunities that helped her blossom into a heart-warming, dynamic teacher and principal. She graduated from Marian University and Xavier University, as well as attending the University of Cincinnati and St. Scholastica College. She served in Catholic schools in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri for 42 years. In addition to her school ministry S. Carol Ann helped with the religious education and RCIA programs in the parishes. Her love for learning was instilled in the hearts of those lives she touched. S. Carol Ann served as a mentor to other teachers, principals, parents, parishioners and friends. Her compassion and care for others grew a beauty all of its own.

S. Carol Ann used her spare time to plant and tend to gardens, cook, bake, can vegetables and make jellies and jams. She would set up her own tomato stand at the edge of the road with a "free-will" offering box. She believed in the honor system! People who knew S. Carol Ann would tell of her deep faith, friendship, positive attitude and willingness to share anything she had. She loved to bake bread and pies, a trait she learned from her mother. Often she would invite others over for a meal. People in her rural community knew her for her gardening expertise, kindness and wisdom. S. Carol Ann was a woman of faith and willing to share everyday life. She loved the outdoors. She loved farming. Is it no wonder that she spent several of her last years volunteering at our very own Michaela Farm!

It is said that "You can take the girl out of the country but you can't take the country out of the girl!" This southern Indiana farm girl remained true to her sacred roots. We are so grateful for all the love she planted along the way. Like Jesus, she used creation to tell the story.

A favorite Scriptural passage of S. Carol Ann's speaks of her deep faith and love of nature that kept her rooted and strong throughout life. "I am the vine and my Father is the vine grower.....Just as the branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." (John 15:1-5)

S. Carol Ann, thank you for bearing much fruit. Thank you for sharing your life with us. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of the earth by your diligent gardening skills. Thank you for helping others see the wonders of creation and experience the love of God. May you now rest in the total divine love of your Creator!

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to S. Carol Ann's family, friends and classmates. We give thanks and appreciation to those who cared for S. Carol Ann during her time in St. Clare Hall. As we mourn her passing, we also celebrate her life. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12:24) May S. Carol Ann's life continue to produce much fruit as she intercedes for each of us!

With love and gratitude,



S. Joanita Koors, OSF
for the Council

S. CAROL ANN (GERTRUDE) ANGERMEIER, OSF

Birth: September 5, 1920

Entrance into Religious Life: September 9, 1943

Entrance into Eternal Live: January 5, 2015

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. CAROL ANN SERVED:

1945-1950 Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN
1950-1957 Holy Cross, St. Louis, MO
1957-1959 St. Clare, Cincinnati, OH
1959-1963 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnati, OH
1963-1965 St. Mark, Indianapolis, IN
1965-1970 St. Mary, North Vernon, IN
1970-1972 St. James, White Oak, Cincinnati, OH
1972-1975 St. Andrew, Richmond, IN
1975-1976 St. Joseph, Evansville, IN
1976-1977 Motherhouse, Oldenburg, IN
1977-1982 Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
1982-1985 St. Mary, Aurora, IN
1985-1987 St. Francis, Portage des Sioux, MO
1987-1988 Derham Community, St. Paul, MN
1988-1989 Marilyn's Country Bouquet, Batesville, IN
1989-2005 Domestic Service, Dover, IN
2005-2010 Michaela Farm, Oldenburg, IN
2010-2015 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