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May 8, 2017

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

S. CAROL ROYSTON, OSF

***“Sister, may you dance with the angels and smell the breath of God.
I will miss you until my last day.” Facebook post***

Surrounded by family and friends, Sister Carol Royston began her sojourn to eternal life on April 28.

Carol Lee Royston was born on December 11, 1945 to Thomas and Angela (Early) Royston. As a graduate of St. Clement Elementary and Our Lady of Angels High School, Carol had a strong Franciscan influence in her formative years. She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community on February 2, 1964 and immediately became interested in the teaching ministry of the Sisters. Her classmates remember her as being fun-loving and ready to try new things, such as learning to play the ukulele. In those days, young women were received into the novitiate wearing bridal dresses. Carol’s shoe size was not available in the supply of white shoes for the occasion, so she wore tennis shoes and kept begging people to take a picture of her in her unusual ensemble.

***“So sorry to hear the news today. I will forever remember her as my teacher
and principal when I was a child, and as a forever-friend as an adult.
Rest in peace, dear Sister.” Facebook post***

In the 166 year history of the Oldenburg Franciscans, St. Clement Parish in Cincinnati was the first contact with religious life for seventy-nine young women who entered our community. Carol was one of that number, and her memories of St. Clement were of close-knit family life and friendly people. Perhaps that is why she dearly loved the parish life and people of Streater, which seemed like a continuation of her early life. For the last thirty-eight years she blossomed as teacher, principal, champion of young mothers and babies, and calming visitor to the sick and homebound. She knew and remained interested in several generations of many families. In turn, they looked out for her as her health began to fail.

***“Sister Carol was the principal at St. Anthony’s when I went to school there. She was
a kind and extremely patient woman – a model for living a spiritual life!”
Facebook post***

Carol’s siblings, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and other family members were such an important part of her life. Fond memories of hosting Thanksgiving at the large convent in Streater were treasured by her. Our sympathy goes out to all in the extended Royston family.

Our thanks to Kathy Gibbons, friend and companion on the journey, and to all the people of St. Anthony/St. Michael the Archangel and the larger Streator community. Sister Carol's life was enriched by her relationship with all of you.

To her classmates, friends and former teachers who remember her smile, cooperative spirit and friendliness, we also offer our sympathy.

***“The first nun I ever knew and a godly woman to the end. God be with you,
Sister Carol. Watch and pray for all of us!”*** ***Facebook post***


S. Margie Niemer
for the Council

SISTER CAROL ROYSTON (FORMERLY S. MARY THOMA)

Birth: December 11, 1945

Entrance into Religious Life: February 2, 1964

Entrance into Eternal Life: April 28, 2017

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. CAROL SERVED:

1966-1967	Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN
1967-1968	St. Catherine, St. Louis, MO
1968-1969	St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, IN
1969-1972	St. Anthony, Streator, IL
1972-1973	Corpus Christi, Cincinnati, OH
1973-1977	St. Margaret Mary, St. Louis, MO
1977-1979	St. Pius, Cincinnati, OH
1979-2010	St. Anthony, Streator, IL
2010-2017	St. Michael the Archangel, Streator, IL

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