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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



S. JACINTA STEIN, OSF

April 8, 2015

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

After the last Alleluia echoed from the Easter liturgy, Sister Jacinta Stein went peacefully to God.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dolores was the sixth of eleven children born to William and Isabella (Boller) Stein. Her early memories of family include the gratitude she felt while learning household tasks from her mother and watching her father go to great lengths to provide for the family during the Great Depression. The Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Henry School made her First Communion dress and veil and gifted her with a rosary and prayer book. Jacinta remembered her First Communion day as one of her happiest. When she became a teacher of children preparing for this sacrament, she enthusiastically entered into the preparation, hoping to make it the memorable occasion for them that it had been for her.

When the family moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Jacinta came to know the Sisters of St. Francis through her younger siblings. She was attracted by the friendliness of the Sisters and entered the Oldenburg community in 1947. Her Bachelor's and Master's degrees were in education, and her natural sense of creativity made her classroom a delightful place for all students. Other teachers often commented on her bulletin boards, classroom decorations and student art projects.

There is one Great Being who enlivens the dance of our beautiful planet and everything that exists. The darkness of outer space, the greenness of our land and the blue of our seas, the breath of every human and creature, all are intimately united in a cosmic dance of oneness with the Creator's breath of love. – Joyce Rupp, The Cosmic Dance

Although her primary ministry was elementary school teaching, Jacinta had a life-long interest in liturgical music, dance, environment and preparation. This might have developed from her joy in listening to her father sing songs from his church choir music and from opera while working at their family home. Jacinta participated in many workshops and classes that furthered her knowledge of liturgy. Eventually she designed and presented workshops on parish and deanery levels for liturgical ministers. Many Oldenburg Franciscans remember Jacinta sewing liturgical dance dresses and taking part in the movement and gestures herself. She sang in parish choirs, served as a lector and greeter, and was always known to prepare beautiful liturgies for all sacramental celebrations.

Our sympathy is extended to Jacinta's five living siblings, her classmates and friends. We especially want to thank the nursing staff in St. Clare Hall for the many years of tender care shown to Jacinta. She now rests in the loving arms of Sophia-Wisdom to whom she devoted her life in joy and service.

With blessings and Easter joy,



S. Margie Niemer
for the Council

S. JACINTA (DOLORES) STEIN:

Born: April 10, 1930
Entered into Religious Life: October 3, 1947
Entered into Eternal Life: April 5, 2015

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. JACINTA SERVED:

1949-1959 Holy Trinity, St. Louis, MO
1959-1960 Little Flower, Indianapolis, IN
1960-1964 St. Monica, Indianapolis, IN
1964-1968 St. Ann, Hamilton, OH
1968-1974 St. Anthony, Dayton, OH
1974-1976 St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, IN
1976-1977 Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, IN
1977-1983 St. Mary, Greensburg, IN
1983-1984 Shalom Community, Indianapolis, IN
1984-1985 St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, IN
1985-1986 St Mary School, Aurora, IN
1986-1991 Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, IN
1991-1992 Immaculate Conception School, Old Monroe, MO
1992-1993 Sabbatical
1993-1999 St. Francis Seraph School, Cincinnati, OH
1999-2000 St. Joseph School, Cincinnati, OH
2000-2015 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