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FACEBOOK: FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG



March 7, 2014

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

S. JONETTE SCHEIDLER, OSF

“Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death...”

[The Canticle of the Creatures, FAEDI, 113-114]

At 4:30 a.m. on the second day of Lent, Sister Jonette Scheidler began her praise of God through our Sister Bodily Death. At 97 years of age, S. Jonette had lived a long and faithful life in the service and love of the God of all Creation.

S. Jonette (Mary Josephine) was born to Clara and Paul Scheidler, the third of their seven children. Her schooling was through St. Mary's in Millhousen, Immaculate Conception Academy, Greensburg High School and later in her Community life at Marian College (now Marian University) and Ball State. She often recounted the story of the local, then regional spelling bee, which allowed her and her dad to spend a week in Washington D.C., where she competed on the national level and placed third. She then coached her brother Anthony who also won the trip to Washington D. C. with their mother.

For ten years following high school graduation, S. Jonette worked for Dr. J. Wm. Herr, for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the state license bureau, and McCoy-Douglas, Inc. She bought a car and felt that she was free and independent, but also felt that there was something missing. She then applied to the Dominican Sisters in Nashville, Tennessee, but halted that process when her mother said that with four sons in the Army and at war, she couldn't bear for Mary Josephine to leave, too. After the war, she decided to stay closer to home and entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg.

“Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us...”

Being born into a farm family, S. Jonette continued to enjoy the gifts of creation, especially gardening, fishing and animals, particularly cats. She enjoyed her fifty-seven years of teaching, specializing in 5th and 6th grades. She also spent six years in family ministry, caring for her brother and sister-in-law. In all of these ministries and hobbies, S. Jonette found the fulfillment for which she had searched prior to entering religious life.

“Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.”

We offer our sympathy to Sister Janice, S. Jonette's younger sister. S. Jonette wrote that she had prayed for God to give her a sister and was so delighted when S. Janice was born! Our sympathy is also extended to S. Jonette's classmates: S. Alice Ann Dearnorff, S. Noreen McLaughlin, S. Marie Camille Schmaltz and S. Teresa Trick.

“Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.”

May our S. Jonette continue her praise of God throughout eternity!

In love and gratitude,

Sister Margie Niemer OSF

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for the Council

S. JONETTE (MARY JOSEPHINE) SCHEIDLER, OSF

Birth: December 16, 1916

Entrance into Religious Life: September 8, 1946

Entrance into Eternal Life: March 6, 2014

MISSIONS AT WHICH S. JONETTE SERVED:

1948-1951	Little Flower, Indianapolis, IN
1951-1952	St. Christopher, Indianapolis, IN
1952-1957	St. Mary, North Vernon, IN
1957-1958	St. Mary, Greensburg, IN
1958-1959	Sacred Heart, Hamilton, OH
1959-1963	St. Catherine, St. Louis, MO
1963-1966	Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, IN
1966-1968	St. Mark, Indianapolis, IN
1968-1970	St. Louis, Batesville, IN
1970-1972	St. Andrew, Richmond, IN
1972-1974	St. Joseph, Shelbyville, IN
1974-1976	St. Mary, Greensburg, IN
1976-1980	St. Louis, Batesville, IN
1980-1982	St. Joseph, St. Leon, IN
1982-1988	St. Mary, Rushville, IN
1988-1989	Motherhouse, Oldenburg, IN
1989-1999	St. Joseph, Shelbyville, IN
1999-2005	Family Ministry, Greensburg, IN
2005-2014	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