

*Marian Residence  
1104 Toluca Ave  
Alliance, Nebraska 69301*

April, 2009

Dear Sisters, Associates, Relatives, and Friends,

Sister Ann Dolores Burke, 78, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Sister Ann Dolores was born April 10, 1930, at Springfield, Mass., to William J and Marion (Shea) Burke and was named Rosemary Joan.

On February 1, 1954, Rosemary Joan entered the Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters and took the name Sister Ann Dolores. She professed her Temporary Vows on September 15, 1955, as a Carmelite Sister in New Port, RI. In October, 1972, Sister Ann Dolores transferred from the Carmelite Community to the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Marycrest in Denver, CO. and confirmed her vows on October 4, 1973.

Sister Ann Dolores received her B.A. divisional teaching endorsement from Regis College in 1974. In 1979, she received a teaching certificate from the State of Nebraska and an endorsement in Library Science in 1995.

Prior to her transfer to Alliance, Nebraska, in 1982, Sister Ann Dolores did missionary work in Hidalgo, Mexico, and taught elementary students at Guardian Angels School in Denver, CO and at St. Mary's School in O'Neill, NE. At St. Agnes Academy in Alliance she taught in the primary grades and subsequently served as school librarian until her retirement in 1999.

Sister Ann Dolores moved into Marian Residence in March, 2008, and she was a member of Serena Regional Community.

Sister Ann Dolores is survived by her sisters Ann Pickrell, Bangor, Maine, and Eileen Rannenber, Agawam, Mass, and several nieces and nephews. Her sisters were unable to travel for her funeral, but her niece Christine O'Neil from Connecticut came for the wake service and the funeral Mass.

Several Sisters and many friends attended the wake services on March 31 and shared wonderful memories of Ann Dolores. "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", sung by Agnes Kunzman, was a fitting song for Annie.

Father Jim Heithoff, Pastor, Father Ed Cortney and Father Tim Stoner celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection on April 1. "Our Annie" was then laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

May she continue to live and love and dance with the Angels.

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