

## Sister Francesca Delgado

December 1, 1935-November 1, 2024

Sister Francesa was born December 1, 1935 to Francisco Delgado and Carmen Rodriguez Delgado in Kansas City, Kansas. She was baptized and given the name Natalia on January 11, 1936, in Kansas City, Kansas. April 19, 1936 she was confirmed in Kansas City, Kansas.

Sister Francesca said “When I first met the Sisters of St Francis, I saw how the Sisters had so much goodness for the Lord and were so dedicated to the Lord and gave themselves fully to the Lord. I decided to be a Sister of St. Francis.”

She entered from Veteran Wyoming to join the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Marycrest in Denver Colorado. On August 15, 1959 she made temporary vows. Sister Francesca made her final vows August 15, 1964 at Marycrest.

She earned a Diploma from Famous Artist’s School in Westpoint, Connecticut in 1970. Sister Francesca received her license in cosmetology in 1973 in Alliance, Nebraska. Sr. Francesca was kept busy by both teaching art at St. Agnes Academy and working as a beautician in the Alliance Nebraska.

In Denver, Colorado, Sister Francesca taught art at Marycrest High School and at Guardian Angels Grade School. Sr Francesca had a beauty parlor on the third floor at Marycrest Convent. She was often found shaping and styling the hair of sisters and guests. Sister Francesca was delighted with the work and enjoyed visiting and interacting with the people she met.

After serving with the Sisters of St. Francis in Nebraska and Colorado, Sr. Francesca moved to Moses Lake, Washington to care for her elderly parents. During this time, she also reached out to people in need in the community of Moses Lake. After the death of her parents Sister Francesca retired and moved to Royal City, Washington. She continued her ministry of serving others in Royal City, collaborating with the Catholic Church in Royal City.

On October 2, 2016, Sr. Francesca moved to Alliance, Nebraska to live with the Sisters at Marian Residence. She then moved to Highland Park Care Center in Alliance, Nebraska on May 18, 2022, when Marian Residence closed. She resided there until her death on November 1, 2024.

The Mass and rosary were November 5, 2024, at 10:30 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Alliance, Nebraska. Sister Leandrea Schaller led the rosary, and there was sharing of memories. Father Matt Koperski presided at the Mass of Resurrection celebrated with Sister Sue Artone-Fricke, provincial minister, Sisters Liz Fuhr, Leandra Schaller, Joan Linenbrink, Jane Schneider, some family from North Platte Nebraska, Alliance Associates, and parishioners. Everyone was invited to a meal immediately after Mass.

Sister Francesca was cremated and her remains were sent to her family in Moses Lake, Washington. She was interred with her pre-deceased family members in Royal City, Washington mid-2025, when the ground had thawed.

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