

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters invite your prayers for

SISTER ROSALIE KLEIN
of The Most Precious Blood

Sister Rosalie Klein, Lorraine, passed into the fullness of God on July 7, 2017. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 94 years ago (7-26-23), the third child of fifteen children to Elizabeth (Elsie) and Casper Klein. Her parents brought her to St. Leo Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for baptism on September 16, 1923. She was welcomed into the Wheaton Franciscans on September 2, 1942, and after novitiate and temporary vows formation, Sr. Rosalie professed her final vows on May 19, 1948.

Sister Rosalie served the community and congregation in pastoral ministry roles and committee work, along with educating herself in healthcare ministries. She received a BSN and MSN from Marquette University College of Nursing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and an MS and DSC from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. These accomplished degrees were enfolded in her ministry as an RN in St. Louis, Missouri, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1959, she became full professor and the Dean at Marquette University College of Nursing. She served there for 32 years and then for four more years as Dean Emeritus and as a volunteer historian. In retirement, she continued to serve as a patient volunteer at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, Wisconsin and until her death as a pastoral companion at St. Camillo's Residence in Milwaukee.

In pondering all of the autobiographical information that the Wheaton Franciscans have from Sr. Rosalie, one comes to know that "love of God" was her life, her purpose, her passion and her pleasure. It sourced her familial, sisterly, professional, and ministerial relationships. This love of God anchored her in the sea of wisdom and compassion. Seeds of selfishness never took root in her being. Humility, faithfulness, and excellence for the sake of Christian service were her spiritual practices, daily prayer forms, community living, and professional ministries. She made visible the kin-dom of God with relational generosity. Sr. Rosalie considered herself basically to be a contemplative, a woman who knew that "living alone was not being alone." She wanted to be remembered as "one of the Kleins who led an active contemplative life committed to my Franciscan community."

She leaves us this message of wisdom, "Attempt to respond to 'Why am I here? Why am I called? What led me to the Franciscans?' And keep in mind that we're still in transition, we're still changing and no one has the answers."



Sister Rosalie Klein
1923 – 2017

Visitation

Wednesday, July 12
San Camillo Chapel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, July 12
San Camillo Chapel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
5:00 p.m.

Burial

Thursday, July 13
Holy Cross Cemetery
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
11:00 a.m.