



Sr. Francis Joan Clements **O.S.F.**

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Sr. Francis Joan Clements, age 94 of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, Indiana, died Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the convent. Born Anita Evelyn Clements on June 2, 1925 in Clementsville, Kentucky, she is the daughter of Anna and Robert Clements, the third of four children.

Because her father contracted malaria during World War I, he was not able to work in the sun. He found employment in a factory in Cincinnati, Ohio and came home on the weekends to his family in Kentucky. The family moved to Cincinnati when she was young so they could be together. She started her education at St. Clement where she first met the Sisters of St. Francis. Eventually the family returned to Clementsville, where she would graduate from St. Bernard School. She entered the Franciscan community in 1945 and earned her BA in education from Marian University, later furthering her education at Xavier University and Cumberland College.

She taught at schools in Indiana, Ohio and Missouri. When asked which grade was her favorite, she responded, "Teaching the fifth grade was my favorite. Fifth graders felt like learning could be fun and often told me that I made it enjoyable. Math was my favorite subject to teach. Sr. Florence Marie was my math teacher and she really inspired me to learn more about it. I also found it rewarding to offer a class at Marian University for Sisters who were going to teach in inner-city schools."

After returning to the Motherhouse in 1988, Sr. Francis Joan served as a dorm monitor for Oldenburg Academy and beginning in 1992, served in Pastoral Care before retiring in 2008. She often reminded others, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life," as she found all her years as a Franciscan to be rich and meaningful as she gave her life to God.

Sr. Francis Joan is survived by nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by sisters Patricia Wassermann, Mary Masters and brother William Clements. Visitation is Friday, October 11th from 1 - 3 p.m. at the convent. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Robert Weakley OFM officiating and burial will follow in the convent cemetery. Memorials



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may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, Indiana, 47036
(www.OldenburgFranciscans.org).



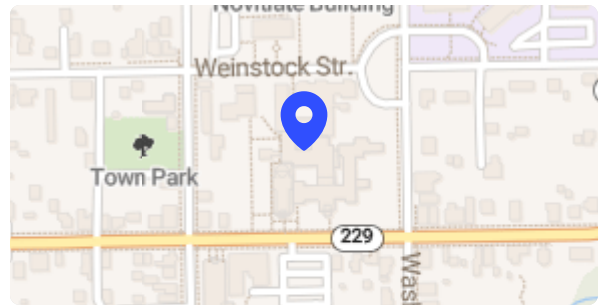
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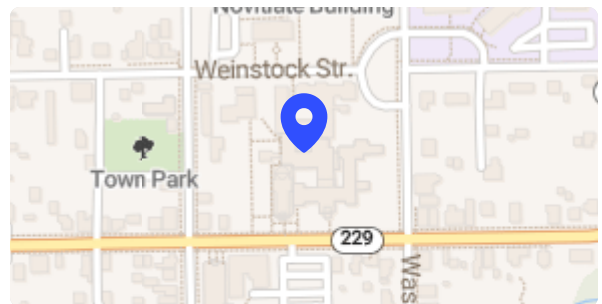
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- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Srs. of St. Francis Chapel**
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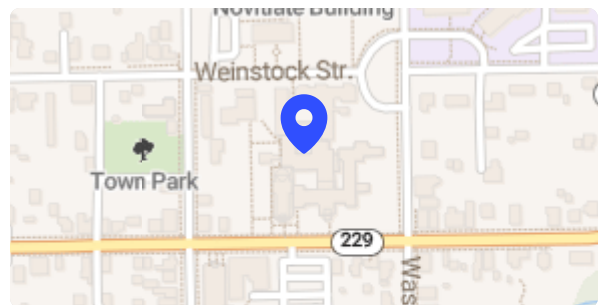
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Cemetery Details

- St. Francis Cemetery**
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PH

Paula Sherlock Hann posted:

Sister Francis Joan was my 5th grade teacher at St. Ann School in Hamilton Ohio. She was an excellent teacher who made learning fun, and I credit her with inspiring my own teaching career. We kept in touch for years, and when my husband Dan and I got married, Sister was in Kansas City. She had visited Hamilton a few weeks before to attend priestly ordinations of former students, and couldn't come back for our wedding. She knew we were going west for our honeymoon, and invited us to stay a night with her in Kansas City. Not everyone can say they spent a night of their honeymoon in a convent! The Sisters were very welcoming, and took us out to show us Kansas City by night. When I was growing up, Sister taught the neighborhood kids how to count by sponsoring contests to see who could pull the most weeds from the flower garden in the convent yard. Statues and holy cards were the prizes and many of us still have those gifts. Sister was a major influence in my life and for that I am very grateful! Rest In Peace, Sister!

October 19 at 4:33 PM

KB

Kendall Bare posted:

Such a beautiful soul, so lucky to have been one of the nurse aids that got to take care of her. Her beautiful light will shine in heaven it will definitely be missed!!

October 9 at 4:02 PM

LC

Linda K Carberry lit a candle in honor of Sr. Francis.

Sr. Francie was a real ball of energy and I was so blessed to have known her! Linda Carberry

October 8 at 5:41 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sr. Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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