



## Sr. Frances Jean Sandschulte O.S.F.

January 5, 1920 - January 5, 2017

Sr. Frances Jean Sandschulte, age 97, of the Srs. of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died January 5, 2017 at the convent. Born August 12, 1919 in Loretto, Tennessee, she is the daughter of Elizabeth (Nee: Hollander) and Henry Sandschulte.

Sr. Frances Jean entered the convent September 12, 1939 and made her final vows August 12, 1945. She served as a music teacher, organist, orchestra and band director for 65 years before retiring in 2007. Those places included Our Lady of Angels, St. Catherine's, St. Aloysius Gonzaga and La Salle in Cincinnati, Ohio; Tierra Maria High School in New Mexico, St. Mary's in New Albany, Indiana and Little Flower, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Lourdes in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The first of five children, her family moved to Cincinnati in 1925. She became introduced to the Sisters as a student at Perpetual Help Elementary School. Living close to the sisters, she began to consider her religious calling. Knowing she wanted to pursue that calling, she waited two years after graduating before entering the Franciscan community. She noted that her parents loved music and as a result, she and her siblings pursued musical interests in which all were involved in the school orchestras and bands. She enrolled in Marian University to get her music degree and later would graduate from the Cincinnati College of Music in 1953 and the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati in 1971.

In 2005, while teaching at La Salle High School in Cincinnati, she was recognized by the La Salle High School principal during Catholic Schools Week. In congratulating her, he said, "Sister, thank you for being an invaluable member of our greater Cincinnati Catholic School community. Your dedication, love of music and passion for education are inspirational to all. May God continue to bless you with health and happiness because of your loyal service to His children."

Upon retirement, she commented, "My greatest joy has been music. My mother was a talented pianist and her love of music was caught by all her children. From the time I entered the Community, I was assigned to schools where I gave individual music lessons and organized bands and orchestras. I must say I never missed a day in 65 years, so I lived "the sound of music." Somewhere in all of this I graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with honors." In retirement, she assisted in the convent Archives

area and was piano accompanist for the choir and a member of the Chime Choir. She is survived by her sister Clementine Phillips of Fairborn, Ohio as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by sisters Alma Rydze, Ruth Fisher and brother Henry Sandschulte.

Visitation is Tuesday, January 10th, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the convent chapel. Funeral services follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Bill Turner officiating. Burial will be in the convent cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Srs. of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN, 47036 ([www.OldenburgFranciscans.org](http://www.OldenburgFranciscans.org)).

# Comments

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“ I am flooded with memories at the mention of her name. I learned piano and flute from Sister France's Jean, sang in her chorus, all in elementary school at St Al's. She had tremendous impact on my life and I am forever grateful for that. May she rest in peace.

**Toni Higgins Crouch of Warrenton, VA** - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM