



Sr. Rachel K. Salute

January 1, 1926 - June 23, 2015

Sr. Rachel Salute, 89, was born of Italian immigrant parents on New Year's Day, 1926, in Clifton Heights, PA. After finishing her education, she became an executive secretary to the president of an advertising agency in Philadelphia. She also joined a Philadelphia theatre group and used to talk about her "starring" role as an aspiring ballerina in "You Can't Take It With You." In 1956 she became a member of the Carmelite Monastery in Philadelphia where she served as portress and novice mistress.

In 1968 she transferred to the Carmelite Monastery in Indianapolis. She again became novice mistress and later took charge of the altar bread department for many years. She took her turn greeting people who came to visit the monastery and was greatly loved by many. The Carmelite community moved to the campus of the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg in 2008. Sr. Rachel died in their infirmary on June 23rd, after months of loving care.

She is survived by a sister as well as nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by two brothers. Sr. Rachel was cremated. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30th, at the Srs. of St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg Indiana.

Comments



“ Sr. Rachel had a twinkle in her eye that revealed the joy in her being. She and my late husband were both first day of the year babies! She was a true treasure and always had a kind word and smile for all visitors to the monastery. She was deeply loved and will be sorely missed. God speed, Sr. Rachel!

Judy Cannavo-McKeever - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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Judy Cannavo-McKeever of Long Beach, CA - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Sisters, I am so sad to hear of Sr. Rachel's death even as I celebrate the lovely person that she is and her birth into eternal life. I remember with joy and gratitude the conversations we had during my time with you. I miss you all. Love, Ana

Ana Santorini of Cochiti Lake, NM - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sr. Rachel was never without a smile of greeting and a presence of hospitality. I was a friend and volunteer in Indianapolis and frequently answered the phone. It was almost always for Sr. Rachel regarding the Communion host orders and deliveries. What a wonderful service: to enable so many communities to share the Eucharist! She was an example of the truly Christian life. I loved her and will never forget her.

Sally Debono of Indianapolis - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM