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SISTER JANE FRANCES DUNNAM 1910 - 2006



Sister Jane Frances Dunnam, 96, a sister of Saint Mary of Namur, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Our Lady of Victory Center.

Mass of Christian Burial: 7 p.m. Monday at the OLV Center, Fort Worth. Burial: 11 a.m. Tuesday in Grove Hill Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorials: may be made to the Sisters of Saint Mary, 909 W. Shaw St., Fort Worth 76110.

Zelma Cecilia Dunnam was born on Sept. 11, 1910, in Sulphur Springs, Okla. Her father worked as an architect in Texas and Oklahoma. The family eventually settled in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

Her oldest sister, Lillian Dunnam, had become a Catholic, and she often took Zelma to Blessed Sacrament Church. Zelma attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy from grades 1 through 12 and was baptized a Catholic in 1922.

After graduation from LGC, Zelma entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Saint Mary in 1928. Trained as a teacher, Sister Jane Frances taught grades K through 8 in Sister of Saint Mary schools in Texas and California. She is remembered for her superb teaching on the primary level. She received high commendations on her devotion and style of teaching and her love for her pupils.

Sister Jane Frances was gifted in art, especially calligraphy. With no professional training she printed beautiful spiritual bouquets and greeting cards for the community. Her masterpiece was the spiritual bouquet for the Golden Jubilee of Bishop Joseph P. Lynch of Dallas. Bishop Lynch was so impressed with the beauty of the card that he requested that Sister create the card to be sent to Pius XII from all the bishops of Texas.

When she studied at the Art Institute in Colorado Springs, Sister was asked to submit a sample of her work. When she showed them a sample of a spiritual bouquet she had made, the directors were so impressed that Sister Jane Frances was given special permission to examine the medieval manuscripts in the institute's archives.

Survivors: Her nephew, Earl Johnson and his wife, Tricia; great-nieces Wendy, Rachel and Hilary; and by the sisters of her community.

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Sister Jane Frances was my first grade teacher at the Academy of Mary Immaculate at Wichita Falls, Tx in 1951.

Bob Crockett (Wichita Falls, TX)

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Sr Jane Frances was my first grade teacher at the Academy of Mary Immaculate in Wichita Falls, Tx.

"Eternal rest grant unto her Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her."

Bill Crockett (Sherman, TX)

September 25, 2006

my prayers and condolences - from a student of OLV and one who has always appreciated the sacrifices the sisters make in their devotion to God and to in helping the students - to all the sisters you are all appreciated and none of your are forgotten. Vaya Con Dios.

Valere Quinones (Dallas, TX)

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September 25, 2006

You were my first grade teacher in Wichita Falls. It was good to see you again this last summer. Thanks for many good memories. May your soul rest in peace.

Gerald Honkomp (Appleton, WI)

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