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Benedictine Sister Mary Mildred Sobba Passes

CLYDE, Mo. – Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Mary Mildred “Millie” Sobba, OSB, 92, passed away Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Our Lady of Rickenbach Health Care in Clyde.

She was born Frieda Adeline Sobba on Aug. 11, 1916, in Pratt, Kan., the oldest of six children and the only daughter of Christopher Sobba and Ruth Ralston.

When she was one year old, the family moved to western Kansas to a farm in Meade County. She attended the parochial grade school in Fowler, Kan., and was taught by the Dominican nuns from Great Bend, Kan. After graduating from the public high school, she stayed home until 1936 when she attended business school in Wichita, Kan. Afterward she worked at the Farm Bureau Office on the Farm Program in Meade, Kan., until 1942.

Her oldest brother, John, went to Tucson, Ariz., for his health, and Frieda went with him. She worked for a construction company for awhile and then was a bookkeeper and accountant for a wholesale plumbing and heating company. During World War II, she did USO work with a Catholic girls group she had joined while in Tucson.

Frieda was introduced to the Benedictine Sisters after a friend of hers back home in Kansas who was a cousin to Benedictine Sister Mary Gabriel asked her to visit. She then became an oblate of the Sisters’ Tucson monastery in 1947 and volunteered in the library.

After her mother passed away, she returned home to Kansas in 1957 to take care of her aging father. He died two years later, and she started making inquiries about entering the convent. Although she was past the usual age of entrance, she had proven to be a dedicated oblate



**Sister Mary Mildred
“ Millie ” Sobba**

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of St. Benedict and preferred a life of contemplative prayer rather than one of teaching. Her application was accepted, and she entered the Benedictine Sisters at the age of 44 on the Feast of St. Agnes on Jan. 21, 1961. She made her First Monastic Profession on Sept. 12, 1963, and received the name of Sister Mary Mildred.

As a novice and a junior sister her work assignments were in the veil room, main kitchen and the infirmary kitchen. She transferred to St. Louis in 1968 and worked in the sewing room. She was then transferred to Tucson for 2 1/2 years to do the bookkeeping. In 1971, she moved to Clyde to be sub-prioress, and in 1974 was assigned to St. Louis to serve as the local bookkeeper and to take care of the Mass intentions for the house and the Congregation. She also worked many years in the correspondence department at St. Louis before moving to the infirmary. Some of her many hobbies over the years were reading, embroidery, playing cards and playing pool.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Thursday, April 16, in the Adoration Chapel, Clyde. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Clyde. Memorials can be sent in care of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 31970 State Highway P, Clyde, Mo. 64432-8100.

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