



News Release

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Benedictine Sister Mary Andrew Faber Passes

CLYDE, Mo. - Sister Mary Andrew Faber, 91, passed away Monday, July 28, 2008, at Our Lady of Rickenbach in Clyde. She was a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

The youngest of five children, Sister Mary Andrew was born Gertrude Genevieve Faber on June 10, 1917, in Mellen, Wisc., to Francis and Laura (Walport) Faber.

She began school in a one-room public schoolhouse where one teacher was responsible for all eight grades. Her family moved to Minnesota when she was 8, and she made her first Holy Communion when she was 12. During high school, she was torn between becoming a sister or a nurse but knew she did not want to do both.

She worked as a waitress after graduation and then decided to enter religious life. She was deeply attracted to the life at Clyde, which she read about in the sisters' magazine, "Tabernacle & Purgatory."

Sister Mary Andrew made her first monastic profession on Jan. 21, 1939. During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she lived in the Tucson, Ariz., St. Louis and Clyde communities and worked in the kitchen, the infirmary, the embroidery department, altar bread production, maintenance and as portress.

Highly respected by her sisters in community, Sister Mary Andrew served on the monastery council of two prioresses. She was well-loved and a good example of patience and practicality. She also played a challenging game of cards.

In later years, she suffered from cancer and several other chronic illnesses. Her cheerful nature carried her through much suffering. She was a woman of deep prayer and devotion who practiced living in constant awareness of God's presence.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Wednesday, July 30, in the Adoration Chapel, Clyde, followed by burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Clyde.

Memorials can be sent in care of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 31970 State Highway P, Clyde, Mo. 64432-8100.



Sister M. Andrew Faber

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