March 13, 2008

## Benedictine Sister Margaret "Peggy" Schmidt Passes

**CLYDE, Mo. -** Sister Margaret Marie "Peggy" Schmidt, 95, died March 6, 2008 at Our Lady of Rickenbach Healthcare in Clyde, Mo. She was a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

She was born Margaret Schmidt on Oct. 6, 1912 in Orrin, N.D., and was one of 10 children born to Fred and Theresa Dettling Schmidt, both Russian immigrants.

She left school after completing the eighth grade and worked full time on the family farm. At 19, she learned about the Benedictine Sisters and entered in 1932 after answering the call to religious life. She made her final monastic profession on April 22, 1939.

During her years as a Benedictine Sister, she served in a variety of ministries including work in the altar bread department, sewing first Communion veils, as portress and in the harvesting of date crops at the congregation's community in Tucson, Ariz.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place March 13 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.

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