

# DOLORES ANN THERASSE, SCN



Dolores Ann Therasse, SCN, 92, (formerly Sister Aloysius) was born July 9, 1931, in the small town of Bridgewater, PA, to Raymond Therasse and Ann Shovlin. She died on April 26, 2024, in Nazareth, Kentucky.

Growing up the youngest of four children, Sister Dolores Ann attended St. Joseph School in West Aliquippa, staffed by the Vincentian Sisters. During her junior year at St. Veronica's High School,

Sister Dolores Ann was invited to visit the Vincentian Motherhouse in Pittsburgh. That summer she served with the Sisters in Alabama caring for the people in that rural community. This experience nurtured her desire to become a Vincentian Sister of Charity.

Sister Dolores Ann entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity on September 8, 1948, making first vows in August, 1951 and professing final vows, August 12, 1954. In 2008, when the Vincentian Sisters of Charity merged with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth she transferred her vows.

Sister Dolores Ann earned a BA from Duquesne University and furthered her studies in Elementary and Special Education at Cardinal Stritch College in Wisconsin.

After serving as an aide at Vincentian Home for two years, Sister Dolores Ann began her teaching career at St. Dominic School in Donora, PA. For over 20 years she served as a primary school teacher. From 1968-1974, she was assigned as principal of St. Denis School in Versailles, PA. In August of 1974, she began serving as the Director of Religious Education for St. Thomas A Becket Parish in Pittsburgh, PA. Sister Dolores Ann established and directed the Preschool Program at the Parish until her retirement. She continually responded to the various needs of the parish for 45 years.

She is survived by her extended family, her longtime friends: Sister Mary Judith Seman, SCN, Gloria Otroba, Ann D'Antonio and Barbara Pitts; her beloved staff and parishioners of St Thomas A Becket and her religious community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

Sister Dolores Ann's funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., and her wake service at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6. The funeral and wake will be celebrated in Saint Vincent Church, Nazareth, KY.

Funeral Arrangements are being handled by **HOUGHLIN GREENWELL FUNERAL HOME**, 1475 New Shepherdsville Road, Bardstown, Kentucky 40004. Memorials may be offered to the Office of Mission Advancement, PO Box 9, Nazareth, Kentucky 40048.

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