

*Come to me  
my daughter . . .*



*. . . and I will  
give you rest.*



S. Aurea Medina OSB, 89, died on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Lucinda Medina was born on September 11, 1927 to Juan and Celina (Romero) Medina at La Jara, Colorado and was the seventh of thirteen children. She grew up on the family farm and enjoyed caring for orphan lambs, listening to stories of the sheep herders, and being a part of family gatherings at their home. Her mother died when she was ten. The older siblings took turns after graduating from high school in caring for the younger children so all could graduate from La Jara Consolidated High School. It was during the time

after high school when she was caring for her younger siblings that S. Aurea began to reflect on what God was calling her to do and be. She received a pamphlet from Sacred Heart Monastery and felt called to this community and its ministries among the Native Americans. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery on August 20, 1947 and made first profession in June, 1949.

S. Aurea's ministry encompassed many years in healthcare at hospitals in South Dakota and Canon City, Colorado. She spent several years as head nurse in a Public Health Clinic in San Pedro Carcha, Guatemala where she traveled into the surrounding mountains to bring health care to the native peoples. After other Yankton Benedictines left the Carcha mission in 1971, she remained in Guatemala working in a parish clinic in Santa Apolonia and later in Coban. After returning to the US she earned a B.A. degree and began to do social work and later studied and ministered in pastoral care.

S. Aurea was a quiet woman with a deep faith, a wonderful sense of humor, and one who loved to tell jokes.

S. Aurea is survived by her Benedictine community; three sisters: S. Celinda Medina, OSB; S. Rebecca Medina, MM; and S. Ramona Medina, CSJ; and one brother: Luis, and as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters, and three brothers.

A wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, and the funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 17, at 1:30 p.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.