

*Come to me
my daughter . . .*



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



S. Jeanette Klimisch OSB, 96, died on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Clara Caroline Klimisch was born on August 22, 1920, a twin and youngest of eight children of Anton and Martha (Block) Klimisch, on the family farm in the Sigel community near Yankton. She attended Klimisch School (District #48), Lesterville High School and Mount Marty Academy where she graduated in 1938. She earned a BA degree from St. Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana and her Master's Degree at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

She and her twin Jane entered Sacred Heart Monastery on August 28, 1938. She was invested as a novice a year later and received the name Jeanette. S. Jeanette made her first profession on June 24, 1940 and her final profession on June 24, 1943.

S. Jeanette had a love for speech, theatre, and music. She taught courses related to each discipline at Mount Marty High School and College for many years. While teaching at the high school, she was also Mother Jerome Schmitt's personal secretary. She enjoyed directing plays, musicals and pageants at Mount Marty and Sacred Heart Monastery. To hone her craft, she devoted four summers abroad to studying theatre with the Foreign Study League. She was the Academic Dean of Mount Marty from 1965-69. She served on the South Dakota Health and Education Facilities Board from 1977-1990, and on the Monastery Council and other hospital Boards of Trustees as well. She was Sub-prioress at the monastery from 1981-1989, and went back to teaching at Mount Marty College until 1992 when she received the title Professor Emeritus. In her retirement, she developed an oral history resource center at the monastery.

S. Jeanette and S. Jane delighted in the creative genres of the world. S. Jeanette cherished singing in the monastic choir, writing and directing plays, and developed a hobby of drawing and painting. She found great joy in bringing a work of art to life.

S. Jeanette is survived by her Benedictine community and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her twin Sister Jane, three sisters and three brothers.

A wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, and the funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 27, at 11 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

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