

*Come to me  
my daughter . . .*



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



S. Virginia Kopp OSB, 101, died on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Eugenia Olivia Kopp was born July 9, 1914, the third of thirteen children of Melchior and Margaret (Hegel) Kopp of Richardton, North Dakota. She attended St. Mary's elementary school in Richardton and was greatly influenced by the sisters and monks. She graduated from Mount Marty High School in Yankton, South Dakota in 1932.

Eugenia entered Sacred Heart Monastery September 2, 1929. She was invested as a novice on August 15, 1932 and received the name

Virginia. She made first profession on August 16, 1933 and final profession on June 26, 1939.

S. Virginia taught first grade for one year at Stephan, South Dakota and then was asked to go into nursing. She graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1937. She was a nurse at Yankton, South Dakota; Pueblo and Cañon City, Colorado from 1937-1952. From 1952-1978, she was asked to work in hospital administration in Tyndall and Parkston, South Dakota. She received a Credential in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1972. She received a bachelor's degree from Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, and became certified in Pastoral Care in 1979. Thus, she began her Pastoral Care Ministry in Cañon City, Colorado. She served in this ministry from 1979 until her retirement to the monastery in 2001. She always considered the physical and spiritual care of God's people as a treasured privilege.

S. Virginia was a kind and gentle woman who had a giving heart and welcoming smile. She often felt the responsibility to offer care to those in need, and was always willing to lend a helping hand at a moment's notice especially with tasks around the monastery.

S. Virginia is survived by her Benedictine community, her sisters Phyllis Viglione, Alma Bray, and Agnes Hill, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings.

A wake service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and the funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

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