



**Sr. Mary Agnes Jones, OP**

*December 18, 1916 – April 1, 2010*

Sr. Mary Agnes Jones (93) died on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Mohun Health Care Center, Columbus, Ohio, in her 74<sup>th</sup> year of religious profession.

Born to John and Ethel (Dial) Jones in Newark, Ohio, Mary Agnes was one of five children. She entered the Dominican Novitiate of the former St. Mary of the Springs congregation in 1935 and made her Profession of Vows in 1936.

She earned a BA from St. Mary of the Spring College (now Ohio Dominican University) and an MA from Fordham University (New York, NY), both in elementary education. She also participated in a summer Pastoral Ministry Program at St. Joseph College (West Hartford, CT). Sr. Mary Agnes' ministry in education brought her to many schools: St. Peter, Steubenville, OH (1936-39); St. Mary, Lancaster, OH (1939-43, 62-66); St. Anthony, Steubenville, OH (1943-48, 52-53); St. Thomas, Zanesville, OH (1948-49, 51-52); St. Mary, Marietta, OH (1949-51, 77-87); St. Vincent Ferrer, New York, NY, (1953-56); Annunciation, New York, NY (1956-58); St. Andrew, Flushing, NY (1958-59); St. Mark, Brooklyn, NY (1959-61); St. Mary, New Haven, CT (1961-62); and St. Clare, Grosse Pointe, MI (1966-77). In 1987, after over 50 years in education, Sr. Mary Agnes began ministering as a Pastoral Minister for Our Lady of Peace Parish, Columbus, OH (1987-2005). In 2005, Sr. Mary Agnes ministered in prayer, first at St. Mary of the Springs, and finally at Mohun Health Care Center (Columbus, OH).

Sr. Mary Agnes was a quiet, petite woman, who always received the utmost respect from her students. As a Pastoral minister, Sr. Mary Agnes took senior citizens on many trips, providing them the opportunity to travel and enjoy their years to the absolute fullest. Sr. Mary Agnes commented on her first year as a pastoral minister saying, "...the commitment and the value of the Dominican Charism of preaching the Word to those with whom I came in contact was achieved this past year, and hopefully will continue into the future by endeavoring to deepen my own personal prayer life so that when I visit those who are lonely or in pain, they will know His love and peace in their own lives."

Aside from ministry, Sr. Mary Agnes enjoyed spiritually based books. Even more, she enjoyed learning about the authors and what inspired them to create the piece. Sr. Mary Agnes also loved nature, particularly flowers and plants.

Sr. Mary Anges' wake will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 3pm followed by evening prayer and a Vigil of Remembrance at 5pm in the Columbus Motherhouse Chapel. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 7, at 9am in the Columbus Motherhouse Chapel. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Mary Agnes' memory may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Peace at 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219-2098.