



Sister Mary Amanda Wolf, OSB

Sister Mary Amanda Wolf, 81, died peacefully on June 29th, 2018 of complications from a stroke. She was a resident at Estelline Nursing Care Center in Estelline, SD at the time of her death.

Born Clara Wolf, S. Amanda was the eighth of thirteen children born to Mathias and Theresia Wolf of Zeeland, ND. Upon completing her primary education at Logan Consolidated School near her family's farm by Raymond, SD, S. Amanda left home to attend Mount Marty High School in Yankton, SD.

Inspired by the "spirit of the Sisters" who taught her, she entered the community as a postulant in 1954 and made vows June 29, 1956. After graduating from Mount Marty College S. Amanda began teaching at Polo, and later at Zell, SD.

In 1961, S. Amanda became a founding member of Mother of God Priory (Monastery) and moved to Pierre, SD with one hundred thirty-six other Sisters. Shortly after, she returned to school and obtained a degree in Business Administration from Northern College, Aberdeen, SD., and worked as Hospital Controller and later the Community Treasurer. In 1967, S. Amanda moved with the community to Watertown where they began building Mother of God Monastery.

S. Amanda always felt a special love for the poor; she was happiest when she lived and worked with the marginalized, including; the Watertown Women's Shelter, the Monastery's mission in Guatemala, Care and Share in Crookston, Minnesota, and the Benedictine Multicultural Center. Her unfailing kindness and unique gentle sense of humor endeared her to all whom she touched.

S. Amanda is survived by her siblings George (Virginia d.), Anton (Louise d.), Elmer (Loretta), Frances Diaz (Bob d.), S. Teresa Ann (nee Monica), Rose (Jim) Miller, and Maxine (Joe) McPherson; by numerous nieces and nephews, including Sherry and David Bjorklund of Estelline; and by her Sisters of Mother of God Monastery.

S. Amanda was preceded in death by her parents and siblings John (Lena) Wolf, Lillian (Bill) Tracy, Bill Wolf, Daniel (Ardice) Wolf, and Angeline (Loren) Bjorklund.

A wake service will be held at the Monastery on Thursday, July 5th at 7pm. The Mass of the Resurrection will be Friday, July 6th at 10:30am, burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the Sisters request that memorial contributions be made in S. Amanda's memory to Benedictine Sisters Foundation at 110 28th Ave. SE #55, Watertown, SD., or Estelline Nursing Care Center, 205 Fjerestad Avenue East, Estelline, SD.