Dominican Sister of Peace Jean Delaney, OP



Dominican Sister of Peace Jean Delaney, OP**,** (95), a native of Chelsea, MA, died peacefully on November 4 at the Sansbury Care Center, St. Catharine, KY.

One of five children born to Marion Reagan and John Francis Delaney, Jean entered the Congregation on September 4, 1949, and professed perpetual vows on August 15, 1954.

Sr. Jean earned a Bachelor of Science in education and social studies from Siena College, Memphis, TN, and a master's in education from Boston College. After her studies, Sr. Jean found many ways to put her faith into action, sharing her gifts as an educator, pastoral minister, and companion to others for 70+ years.

She spent her first 18 years in ministry as a teacher and principal, where she served at several schools, including two Dominican schools: Dominican Academy in Plainville, MA, and Rosary Academy in Watertown, MA.

Jean was heavily involved in pastoral ministry as an Associate Pastor at Saint Athanasius in Reading, MA, where she established support groups for separated and divorced Catholics. As Sister Kathleen Corrigan recalled, *"her work as a female Associate Pastor was particularly meaningful at a time when such roles were uncommon, and she was warmly received by the community she served."*

She also served as treasurer of the Reading Clergy Association and, in 1975, welcomed the opportunity to minister to teenagers on the Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In 2018, Sr. Jean began her final ministry of prayer and presence at Sansbury Care Center.

Sr. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Fr. Dave and Jack, and is survived by nieces and nephews, including Bishop Mark O'Connell of the Diocese of Albany.

The wake was held on Tuesday, November 10, with a welcome home gathering and sharing of memories. The Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday, November 11. All services were held at the Sansbury Care Center Chapel. Burial of cremains followed at St. Catharine Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sister Jean's memory may be submitted securely online or sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr, Columbus, OH 43219.

Go now in peace faithful friend of God.

As you take our prayers into paradise