

IN MEMORIAM



Sr. Meta Marie Creadon

BORN: November 1925

ENTERED CONGREGATION: January 3, 1962

DIED: January 2, 2010

TODAY we celebrate the life of Sister Meta Marie Creadon. With us today are her niece and grandniece.

Sister Meta was born in November 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio, the fifth and last child of Frank Creadon and his wife, Meta Greif. She was given the name of Margaret Louise. Two brothers, Frank and Louis, and two sisters, Mae and Clarice, welcomed her into the Creadon family.

During her school years Sister Meta was greatly influenced by the Sisters of Notre Dame who were her teachers at Notre Dame Academy; from there she went on to earn a bachelor of arts degree from Notre Dame College in Cleveland with a major in English and a minor in biology and physical education. She taught English for 15 years in Cleveland — most of the time in schools operated by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

On Jan. 3, 1962, Margaret Louise entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood and received the name of Sister Meta Marie, her mother's name. As a Sister of the Precious Blood she continued to dedicate her life to teaching. She received a master of arts in English from the University of Dayton, and many of her students would tell you that she truly was a master of the art of teaching

English. She was determined that every one of her students would think, learn and grow in her classes. Students could tell you how her look could subdue giant high school athletes and street-wise thugs, but at the same time how she possessed a gentleness and kindness that persuaded other students to learn and appreciate English.

During her time with the Sisters of the Precious Blood she taught in the aspirancy at Fatima Hall, at San Luis Rey Academy in California, at Regina High School in Cincinnati and at Central Catholic and Mullen High Schools in Denver. Nineteen of those teaching years were spent in Denver, where some of her family had moved from Cleveland. Education was Sister Meta's life, and teaching English her lifelong love. She dedicated 48 years of her life to being a master teacher.

In 1996, Sister Meta retired to Salem Heights. In 2005, for health reasons, she moved to Emma Hall, the healthcare wing for the Precious Blood Sisters at the Maria Joseph-Living Care Center.

Some of her interests and hobbies over the years were golf, tennis and watching football. While in Denver she became a great Broncos football fan and even Hamlet or Wordsworth could not take her away from a good beer and

cheering on her favorite team. (There is a photo of her on a motorcycle, but there is no evidence as to whether she truly rode it.)

After her retirement, Sister Meta became a great walker, and she loved to walk the grounds of Salem Heights. When she moved to Emma Hall, the hallways became her "grounds" and she enjoyed walking her stuffed animal friends: They got to ride in the wheelchair while she pushed them! She had a joyful, contagious smile and often expressed her gratitude for the services others provided for her.

Among her personal effects was this poem which she wrote. It may reveal to us the inner Meta:

I To We

*I do not see you, Christ,
Except I look with them;
I cannot hear the Word,
But in the other's voice;
I shall not be the me You will,
I cannot find the You Who seeks,
Until the I becomes the We.*

Surely on Saturday around noon time [January 2], the I became the We with the God she had served so faithfully during her life.

—Sister Edna Hess