

IN MEMORIAM



Sr. Carlotta Lammers

BORN: August 1928

ENTERED CONGREGATION: August 28, 1948

DIED: February 25, 2014

We gather today to celebrate the life of Sister Carlotta Lammers, a faithful and devoted Sister of the Precious Blood

for sixty five years.

Wilma Mary Lammers was born in August 1928 to Frank Lammers and Theresa Kaufman in New Cleveland, Ohio. She was the youngest of seven sisters, all of whom are deceased. She has one nephew, Father Dennis Schroeder who is a priest and three nieces who are sisters, Sisters Mary Kuhlman and Paulette Schroeder who are Franciscans and our own Sister Mary Lou Schmersal, a Sister of the Precious Blood.

In 2008, Teresa Ann (one of her nieces) gave her a journal for her sixtieth jubilee. She used the journal to write a detailed account of her years growing up. Carlotta described how much she enjoyed living on the farm. One sentence that caught my eye was "Working in the garden with Mom was fun! I would eat little green onions, radishes, and rhubarb as I hoed. Licking the mud off made the vegetables clean; anyway, a little dirt never hurt anyone."

It seemed that many girls were entering the Franciscans when Wilma was growing up, but after visiting Sister Ruth Ann Meyer, her best friend and a postulant at Salem Heights, Wilma knew she was called to be a Precious Blood Sister. When she saw the beautiful chapel, the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and sisters at prayer, she knew this was where she belonged. At age 20 on August 28, 1948, Wilma entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood and was given the religious name of Sister Mary Carlotta.

Carlotta was a teacher for 36 years and taught the primary grades in Wapakone-ta, Centerville, Cloverdale, New Carlisle, Glandorf, Ottoville, and St. Mary's, Ohio as well as in Denver, Colorado, Tucson, Arizona, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. She served one year as a Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception, Celina and taught high school at Lima Central Catholic. From 1989-1997 Carlotta was pastoral assistant at St. Dorothy Parish in Warren, Michigan, where she would often make home visits to the elderly and bring Holy Communion to them.

Sister Carlotta retired to Salem Heights in 1997 and served as a volunteer at Emma Hall where she wrote letters for the Sisters and read to them. Before her recent illness, she also tutored at the Brunner Literacy Center. She was actively involved as a choir member, lector, cantor, and leader of prayer. A highlight of Carlotta's life was her sabbatical year at the Trinity House of Prayer in Sylvania, Ohio. Until Carlotta became ill, she was faithful in joining the sisters each week at Salem Heights for centering prayer.

For enjoyment Carlotta played pinochle and euchre and attended many of the activities offered by the community. She loved to read and listen to music. One of

the sisters described Carlotta as a kind person who was satisfied with everything as it came into her life. Carlotta accepted life as it came to her.

In the journal that she received for her sixtieth jubilee she wrote, "The day, Sunday, April 27, 2008, is one I will not forget. Almost twenty of my nieces and nephews and some of their spouses came to help me celebrate this special day. God has been so good to me! She also expressed these words in her autobiography, "Truly the best was saved for last! These ten years (now 15 years) at Salem Heights have been such a blessing! I thank God daily for having called me to be a Sister of the Precious Blood.

After some time in the hospital, Carlotta moved to Emma Hall to receive special nursing care. Carlotta recently said while she was at Emma Hall that she is so happy living a life of prayer and holiness for sixty five years as a Sister of the Precious Blood. Carlotta was ready to meet her maker. She said, "I keep telling the Lord I'm ready, but he doesn't answer me." At other times she would tell those visiting her "I'm waiting for the Lord to come and get me." God finally answered her prayers.

Carlotta, you are now with the Lord that you so longed for and loved so much. Thank you for sharing your life and your many gifts with us. We have been truly blessed by you.

Sister Cecilia Taphorn, CPPS