

OBITUARY
SISTER MARY YVONNE VOISARD, CPPS

Resurrection liturgy for Precious Blood Sister M. Yvonne Voisard, 94, will be held at Salem Heights Chapel, 4960 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio on Monday, August 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be at the Chapel on Tuesday, July 31 from 5-7 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 1 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. On Sunday, July 29, 2012 Sister died at Emma Hall in the Maria Joseph Living Care Center in Dayton, Ohio. Yvonne had been a Sister of the Precious Blood for 79 years.

One of eight children born to Leo and Margaret (Marchal) Voisard, Irma was born in Russia, OH on August 31, 1917. At the age of 16, Irma formally entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood on September 7, 1933. She was known in religious life as Sister Mary Yvonne.

“Religious Life,” said Yvonne at her 75th anniversary “has been a great gift to me from God.” Sister enjoyed teaching grades 5-12 for 17 years in Cleveland, Egypt and Glandorf, Ohio where she was well loved by her students. At the request of her superiors she ministered for the next 15 years in formation work, during which she gave much guidance to those new to religious life. Later she became involved in the study of the retreat movement and ministered at the Maria Stein Retreat House as its director. Nine years later she spent a year studying spirituality in Gloucester, Mass. “This experience,” she wrote, had resulted “in deep abiding love for quiet prayer before the Lord and an eagerness to help others grow in the same intimacy.” This deep experience prepared her to become Pastoral Minister at Queen of Martyrs Parish in Dayton and during nine summers the director of a month-long House of Prayer experience enjoyed by her religious Sisters. In 1995 Yvonne retired and at Salem Heights lived a life of prayer, playing cards, reading and crocheting. Due to failing health she moved in 2006 to Emma Hall.

Sister M. Yvonne is survived by her sisters, Elfrieda Borchers of Russia, Ohio and in religion, Sister Carmen Voisard of Dayton, Ohio. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her sisters, Mildred Moorman, and Cecilia Borchers, Sister Mary Louise Voisard and her brothers Joseph Voisard and Raymond Voisard.

Internment will be in the Salem Heights Cemetery.