



In Memoriam

Dominican Sister of Adrian Irma Gerber, OP

Elizabeth Martha Gerber was born on April 30, 1921 in Flint, Michigan. After high school in 1939, she entered the Adrian Dominicans, and received the name Sister Irma when she received the habit. She had a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degree in Mathematics and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry.



She taught in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois in high school and college. She served as Provincial Administrator for two years. Irma was a staff member in the Congregation Finance Office and continued as a volunteer after she retired. She became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in 2010. Irma was a woman of prayer and at first visited every sister daily to greet them and pray a Hail Mary with them. Eventually, she reduced the visits to the floor where she resided. The sisters appreciated the prayer. She also generously shared candy with others. She was truly a delightful woman!

Sister Irma was 97 years of age when she died on Sunday, July 29, 2018. To view the obituary, please [click here](#).

Dominican Sister of Adrian Pat Spangler, OP

Sister Patricia Spangler, formerly known as Sister Anne Robert, died on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian Michigan.

She was a teacher, pastoral minister, spiritual director and worked in adult formation ministries in Michigan, Illinois, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Kentucky and Kansas. She served the poor and those less fortunate. Pat was also a gifted photographer and poet, who greeted everyone with a warm smile. She was a member of the Dominican Institute of the Arts.



She became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in Adrian in 2013, where she continued to share her gifts with others. She was 83 years of age and in the 66th year of her religious profession at the time of her death. To view the obituary, please [click here](#).

Dominican Sister of Adrian Jean Charles Birney, OP

Sister Jean Charles Birney was born in Jackson, Michigan, on January 20, 1924. She was 94 years of age and in the 76th year of her profession when she died.



Jean ministered in schools in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Florida. For the most part, her teaching was in elementary school. For twenty years, she was pastoral minister in St. Petersburg, Florida. At her wake, two of her former students spoke of her as “smart, humane and humble.” She made learning interesting and the students loved her, as she did them. She also had a wonderful sense of humor and a little gleam in her eye. She loved to read journals and theology. New York Times Crossword Puzzles were her passion and she worked them weekly—in pen.

Sister Jean Charles became a resident of the Dominican Life Center in Adrian in 1999, when her sister, Sister Mary Jean Birney, was recuperating from a stroke. She worked with Mary Jean on her speech. The Lord came quickly for Jean Charles on August 3, 2018, when she went to join her sister, Mary Jean. To view the obituary, please [click here](#).

Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids Suzanne Eichhorn, OP

Entered eternal life on August 6, 2018, at the age of 88, after 69 years of religious life.



Sister Suzanne graduated from Marywood Academy in 1948 and entered the Congregation in the fall of the same year. She received the name Sister Susan Eichhorn of our Lady of Confidence at the time of her reception. To read the complete memorial, please [click here](#).
