

## Death Notice

**SISTER MARY JOENITA**

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Janice Thelma SCHLUETER



Immaculate Conception Province, USA

Date and Place of Birth	March 27, 1944	Cincinnati, OH
Date and Place of Profession	August 16, 1965	Covington, KY
Date and Place of Death	July 30, 2024	Covington, KY
Date and Place of Burial	August 2, 2024	Covington, KY

### **He knows it is “more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)**

Janice Thelma Schlueter was born into the loving family of Thelma and Elmer Schlueter. She was their only child. She described her childhood as “drenched with goodness and love of God.” Janice attended St. Martin School in Cheviot, Ohio, where she came to know the Sisters of Notre Dame. By the eighth grade Janice was convinced that she wanted to follow them and become a sister. After graduating from Mother of Mercy High School, her heart was still set on the same goal. She entered the Sisters of Notre Dame on August 22, 1962, and made her first profession of vows in 1965. Sister Mary Joenita was then assigned to assist at St. Joseph Heights infirmary, Lourdes Hall, while pursuing a nursing education in practical nursing at Northern Kentucky Vocational School of Practical Nursing.

Upon receiving her degree sister continued her ministry as staff nurse at Lourdes Hall and then worked three years at St. Charles Nursing Home. She then went to Morehead State University to earn her RN associate degree and worked at St. Claire Hospital on the surgical floor and in the emergency room. In 1977 Sister Joenita returned to St. Charles Nursing Home as Director of Nursing for nine years, after which she attended Northern Kentucky University for her bachelor’s degree in nursing. She continued at St. Charles Nursing Home, working as the evening shift supervisor. In 1994 she returned to Lourdes Hall as head nurse.

Sister Joenita returned to St. Claire in 2002. She continued to serve there as a Registered Nurse, a bedside nurse, a Clinical Research Analyst in Oncology, and then as a Patient Satisfaction Liaison. She felt that working for the Morehead community was an honor. She enjoyed bringing loving care and compassion to all she helped in the thirteen years that she ministered there, sharing the talents that God gave her, so she could help others. Sister Joenita retired from St. Claire in 2015 and returned home to St. Joseph Heights.

Shortly after her return, she moved to Lourdes Hall where she continued to share her kindness, sense of humor, and creativity, as well as her care for her community and family. Sister Mary Joenita will always be remembered for her selflessness, always putting other’s needs above her own.

May she now rejoice in the embrace of our good and loving God.