

Sister Kathleen Francis Honc



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ALLEGANY - Sister Kathleen Francis Honc, OSF, died Friday (Sept. 9, 2016), in the St. Clare Community of St. Elizabeth Motherhouse, Allegany.

Born Margaret Theresa Honc on Oct. 22, 1930, in Bokeelia, Fla., she was a daughter of Vincent and Ludmila Sushil Honc.

She was received into the congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse on Aug. 15, 1947, and professed her final religious vows on Aug. 16, 1954. For more than 69 years, Sister Kathleen was devoted to the life and mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany.

She attended grade school at Pine Island in Bokeelia and St. Francis

Xavier in Fort Myers, Fla., and in 1945 entered Senior High in Fort Myers. Within a year, she decided to answer the call of religious life and successfully applied to the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. After entering, Sister Kathleen completed her high school degree at St. Elizabeth Academy in Allegany and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from St. Elizabeth Teacher's College, now a part of St. Bonaventure University, in 1963. Between teaching assignments, Sister Kathleen completed graduate work at Simmons College in Boston; Siena College in Loudonville; and Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. In 1968, she was thrilled to receive her master's degree in home economic education.

Sister Kathleen started out teaching students in the younger grades within the congregation's schools in New York, North Carolina and Florida. During her many assignments, she taught religious education, home economics and language studies. While at Bishop Verot in Fort Myers, she served briefly as yearbook adviser and maintenance director. As time allowed, she lovingly shared her fondness for music through piano lessons and choir. In later years, her great love and reverence for her fellow human beings led her to pastoral work in the parishes of Fort Myers, Tampa, Fla., and Clearwater, Fla. Reluctantly, she eventually recognized her need for a slower physical pace in 2001 and began a volunteer ministry. Sister Kathleen became fully retired in 2007 and was warmly welcomed home to the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany. For nearly a decade she delighted in the camaraderie of her sisters in Allegany and in sharing her love of baking with them.

Sister Kathleen is predeceased by her parents; six sisters, Marie Honc, Mila Pottinger, Elizabeth Himschoot, Sister Vincent Honc, D.C., Agnes Ruppert and Patricia Honc; and a brother, Vincent Honc.

She is survived by a brother, John; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A wake service is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today in the chapel at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse, Allegany. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday (Sept. 16, 2016) in the chapel. Burial will be in the family plot in Fort Myers Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Letro-McIntosh-Spink Funeral Home Inc., 646 E. State St., Olean; and Hodges-Kiser Funeral Home, 9231 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers.

To view the obituary and send condolences, visit www.letromcintoshpinkfuneralhome.com and www.dignitymemorial.com/hodges-kiser-funeral-home.

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