



Sr. Anne Monica Shalda, OP

August 26, 1943 – July 21, 2016

Sister Anne Monica Shalda, OP (born Della Irene Shalda in Maple City, Michigan) died on July 21, 2016. She was 72 years old and a Dominican Sister for 54 years. Sister Anne Monica's early years as a Dominican Sister were spent in food service ministry until she earned a B.A. from Aquinas College and began her ministry as an educator. Sister served for ten years as a teacher at Holy Rosary Academy, Bay City; Marywood Academy, Grand Rapids; Immaculate Conception and Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, Traverse City; and St. Mary School, Alma. She later ministered as Director of Religious Education programs at St. John Baptist, Alpena and Guardian Angels, Manistee. Her last ministry assignment was at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Grand Rapids, where she served as a pastoral volunteer. She loved visiting parishioners in their homes and bringing them Communion and comfort and song. Sister Anne Monica is survived by her sister Monica (Chad) Evans of Honor, MI; her brothers Larry Shalda of Muskegon, MI; Len Shalda of Empire, MI; and Louis (Carmen) Shalda of Rockford, MI; Mary Louise Graham of N. Muskegon, MI (close family connection); many friends, and members of her Dominican Sisters~Grand Rapids Community. Sister Anne Monica will repose at Dominican Chapel/Marywood, 2025 Fulton Street East, with visitation on Sunday, July 24 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and a Remembering Service at 7:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25 at Dominican Chapel/Marywood. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials in Sister Anne Monica's name may be made to the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters Health Care Fund.