



**SISTER LOUISA DWYER OSF
1935 - 2012**

Sister Louisa Dwyer was born on February 23, 1935, in Maysville, Kentucky, the younger of two daughters of John Thomas and Ruth Alice (Meyer) Dwyer. She was baptized Helen Louisa on March 17, 1935, at St. Patrick Church in Maysville. Her sister, Margaret Ann Maddox, lives in Maysville.

Helen Louisa attended St. Patrick and Moransburg Elementary Schools in Maysville, and graduated from St. Patrick High School, Maysville, in 1952.

She entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis at Mount St. Clare Convent, Clinton, Iowa, on September 8, 1952, and received the name Louis Marie at her reception on June 15, 1953, later resuming the use of her baptismal name. She made her first profession on August 12, 1955, and her final profession on August 12, 1959.

Her novitiate classmates were Sisters Mary Luke Sondgeroth, Joan Holland, Raymond (Kathleen) Socha, Constance Ludwig, Antonine (Patricia) Krieger, Julie (Rose Eleanor) Buehler, Bernice Dunk, Marjorie Wisor, Phyllis Morris, Harriet Rump and Rose Catherine Biittner.

Sister Louisa obtained a B.A. in French from Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa and an M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She did further study at Morehead University, Kentucky. She held professional teaching certification for Iowa and Kentucky.

Sister Louisa spent most of her active ministry teaching junior high and high school students, serving also as principal for fourteen years. In Clinton, she taught at St. Patrick 1962-64, and at St. Boniface/North Catholic 1964-75. She also taught at St. Ann, Vail and St. John, Victor, Iowa. Her other missions included St. Patrick, Rochelle and St. Gerald, Oak Lawn, Illinois, as well as St. Patrick, Maysville, Kentucky, where she served for 19 years. She also served the Sisters of St. Francis as General Secretary for four years and as a General Councilor for four

years.

She moved to Mount St. Clare Convent in 1993, and served as congregational archivist until February 2004. She also served as activities assistant and part-time receptionist at The Alverno. For several years, she was a substitute teacher at Prince of Peace School in Clinton.

She lived at The Canticle in Clinton from 1997 until she moved to The Alverno in January of 2012, where she died on January 30, 2012.