



## Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy

November 18, 1925 - October 25, 2013

Little Falls, Minnesota.....Sister Mary Judine (Rosemary) Cassidy, 87, died on October 25, 2013, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls, Minn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Francis Convent on Saturday, November 2, at 11 a.m. Friends may call at St. Francis Convent on Friday, November 1, from 4-8:30 p.m., with a Franciscan Prayer Service at 7 p.m., and from 8:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral on Saturday, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are by Shelley Funeral Chapel, Little Falls.

Sister Judine was born on November 18, 1925, in Helena, Mont. She was the first of four children born to the late Francis and Rose (Braun) Cassidy. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minn., on August 12, 1943. She made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1945, and final vows on August 12, 1948. She was a Franciscan Sister for 70 years.

Sister Judine was a warm-hearted woman, with a quick wit and a searching mind. She walked the extra mile for anyone who came to her in need. She had a great sense of responsibility coupled with the idiosyncrasy of procrastination that caused her to burn a lot of midnight oil in meeting deadlines. She found working with youth rewarding and enjoyable and was proud of the part she played in the growth of the many young women. As the last principal of St. Francis High School, Sister Judine found the process of closing the school in 1977 very difficult.

When she celebrated her golden jubilee as a Franciscan Sister she said, "I have a great appreciation for my Franciscan Community which always has

had a forward look as it participates in the mission of the Catholic Church. It has afforded me countless opportunities while following Christ in the spirit of Francis and Clare in simplicity of life and a love of creation.”

Sister Judine earned a bachelor’s degree from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, and two master’s degrees from St. Thomas University, St. Paul. Sister Judine ministered as a secondary teacher and principal of St. Francis High School, assistant minister for the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, counselor and director of guidance. She served in Little Falls, Minn., and Brooklyn and Staten Island, N.Y.

Survivors include her brothers James (Betty), Glendora, Calif.; Robert (Rose Marie), Eugene, Oreg.; Thomas (Annette), Menifee, Calif.; nieces, nephews and her Franciscan Community.

Donations to Franciscan Sisters Ministries preferred for the Sister Judine Cassidy Scholarship Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

St. Francis Convent  
116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Visitation

NOV 2. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345

## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Convent  
116 8th Avenue SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *May she rest in peace.*

*I'm a mexican girl that studied at St. Francis High School in 1973 as a foreign student. I always remember Sister Judine as a very nice and strict person, I also remember her with her lens on the top of her nose, she had a very good communication with my mother about myself while I was studying there. She always made me feel well. It's a sadness her departure. Blessings to her and her family.*

**Angeles Rodriguez Herrera** - May 04, 2015 at 10:16 PM



“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy*



**Claudette Moran** - November 07, 2013 at 08:05 PM

CS

“ *Sister Judine was such a special blessed lady. I didn't appreciate my high school education at St. Francis at the time I was going to school there but a few years later I realized how truly blessed we were to go there. It has been so nice visiting with Sister Judine the past few years and I even had her come to our house for supper. Now if somebody would have told me in high school that I'll have my high school principal out for supper someday, I would have said that'll never happen. However, it did and I couldn't be happier about that! Whenever I visit the convent I think of the good ole school days there and always think of Sr. Judine and always will. She'll be in my heart forever! Cheryl Stanek - class of 1970*

*P. S. I am soooooo very sorry I was not able to attend the wake or funeral service but I was out of town at a conference for an organization that I volunteer at (we were encouraged to do good at St. Francis H.S.).*

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**Cheryl Stanek** - November 02, 2013 at 04:37 PM

FC

“ *I agree with Beth(ie). Dr. Judine tried so HARD to seem stern but she had more fun than most of us put together, I always thought. I was not aware she had died but knew when I pulled into town today that something must be going on with all the cars and all the well-dressed folk heading into the building. And I'd be thinking about her on the way up and wondering how she was. Rest well, Sr. Judine. Class of '67 appreciated you!*

*Fran (Eckman) Champion*

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**Fran Eckman Champion** - November 02, 2013 at 03:18 PM

MH

“ As a member of the last SFHS Graduating Class of '77, I remember being very worried when we learned as freshman that the school would close in 3 years. Yet I also remember Sr. Judine reassuring us all that if we wanted to, she and all would work hard to make sure we could graduate from SFHS. She kept the promise, and for that, I'll be forever grateful. I also have a visual image forever in my brain of her standing at the gym door during a Sadie Hawkins dance watching us, making sure we behaved... I continued to be amazed at her ability to remember us, our names, our spirit, over the many years since graduation. Her ready smile, her ability to lead--and teach -- in many ways, will stay with me, with many. Thanks you Sr. Judine! - Mary Ann (Gwost) Hennen

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**Mary Ann (Gwost) Hennen** - November 02, 2013 at 09:07 AM

PP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Peggy Parr** - October 31, 2013 at 11:13 PM

MP

“ *The world has lost a truly remarkable educator, mentor, visionary and blessed woman. But what a legacy she has left! As a former Frannie who was so privileged to have "come of age" under Sister Judine's leadership, I and so many other hundreds (thousands?) of woman were embraced and shaped by that special place. She was an "educator" in the truest sense of the word: she urged each young girl to find her voice and lead, she inspired a love of learning, and she sent us off into the world with a clear sense of our responsibility to make this world a better place. True to that vision, she surrounded us with a community of faculty that lived and breathed those same wonderful values. My condolences to those closest to Sister Judine who will most deeply feel the loss of this fiery, strong, blessed spirit. Know that she continues to live out her life mission through every Frannie each day.*

*Maureen Phillips  
Class of 1972*

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**Maureen A. Phillips** - October 31, 2013 at 07:09 AM

PP

*Well said, Maureen.*

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**Peggy Parr** - October 31, 2013 at 05:14 PM

FA

“ *1 file added to the album Sister Judine*



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**Faye** - October 30, 2013 at 10:38 PM

BB

“ I skipped one day in 4 years to go to St. Cloud for a Senior skip day for the LF high school. Stopped at the stoplight in Rice, glanced into the next car and there was Sr. Judine! She just waved and mouthed "have fun!". It was a Thursday, she made me wait until 3:08 the next day and over the PA called me to the office. (It's a wonder the walls didn't cave in when everyone "sucked air"!). Sister tried so hard to be stern but kept 'looking for something ' in her bottom desk drawer and I could see her back shake from giggling. But she sat up and ordered me to clean those candle sticks on the Chapel's altar... one more time! I loved the woman...always have, always will! What a phenomenal Catholic example! Rest in peace Sr. Judine and intercede for "your girls"!  
Beth Boyle-Medin

Beth Boyle-Medin - October 30, 2013 at 07:33 PM

CH

“ Sr. Judine was a very special person! Even after leaving St. Francis HS it didn't matter how many years had past, she always remembered our names and ask about who we still kept in touch with! So dedicated to St. Francis, and to "her girls"! Keep watching over us all!



Colleen Callahan Harris - October 30, 2013 at 02:20 PM

KW

“ I have very fond memories of Sr. Judine she was a kind wonderful person with large shoulders to lean on and kind hands with words of wisdom to show you the way. You will be remembered with smiles.



Kathy Walz - October 30, 2013 at 12:40 PM

JW

“ *The obituary for this remarkable woman, summed up my impression of her from our several conversations: "Sister Judine was a warm-hearted woman, with a quick wit and a searching mind." Memories of her are treasured by many.*



**Jim Wright** - October 30, 2013 at 11:25 AM



“ *Danny Waldvogel lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy*



**Danny Waldvogel** - October 29, 2013 at 12:24 PM



*She was a very good person, and back in the mid 70's Sr. Judine used to kick my butt out of St. Francis high school, being I only lived two blocks away this happened many times!! Sr. Judine was one of my favorite nuns, and I knew many!! Rest in Peace!!*

**Danny Waldvogel** - October 29, 2013 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ *Judine (Niehaus) Beuning lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy*



**Judine (Niehaus) Beuning** - October 29, 2013 at 08:33 AM

CN

“ Cheryl Britz Norberg lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy



Cheryl Britz Norberg - October 28, 2013 at 07:10 PM

PP

“ I have so many good memories of Sr Judine from when I was at St Francis. She was a wonderful woman, and I can't imagine a better Principal.

Peggy Vouk Parr - October 28, 2013 at 05:20 PM

PM

“ Patty (LeMieur) Mallak lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy



Patty (LeMieur) Mallak - October 28, 2013 at 05:17 PM

CF

“ Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy



Connie Fenske - October 28, 2013 at 04:00 PM

EM

“ *Elsie Miller lit a candle in memory of Sr. Mary Judine Cassidy*



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**Elsie Miller** - October 28, 2013 at 09:01 AM

MD

“ *I met Sr.Judine when I was a little girl and became very close to her in the last few years. Sr.Judine shared a lot of words of wisdom with me and always brought a Smile to my face. I will hold her close in my heart forever. Thank You Sr.Judine for being such a kind loving person, I know you will be watching over me. Melissa Doble.*

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**Melissa Doble** - October 27, 2013 at 10:21 AM

FS

“ *Very fond memories of Sister Judine from high school days at St. Francis, may she rest in peace.*



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**Faye Santala** - October 27, 2013 at 09:22 AM