



Sister Mary Therese Lenz

July 6, 1926 - October 13, 2020

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021, for Franciscan Sister Mary Therese Lenz, 94, who passed away October 13, 2020. Mass will take place at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls, at 11 am with a visitation from 9-11 am. Masks are required. A private burial service was held on October 15, 2020. Donations to Franciscan Sisters Ministries preferred. Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiyFvZ53PAfd1apBC88kEuQ>

Sister Mary Therese Lenz, 94, died on October 13, 2020, at St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls, Minn. Leora Margaret Lenz was born on July 6, 1926, in St. Michael, Minn. She was the first of six children born to the late Florian and Ida (Lehn) Lenz. When she was 10 years old, the family moved to Waconia, Minn., where she continued her elementary education at St. Joseph School. She spent two years at Waconia High School and continued her high school education at St. Francis High School. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on August 12, 1944, and given the name Sister Mary Therese. She was a Franciscan Sister for 76 years. Sister Therese ministered as a religion and elementary teacher, religious education director, office clerk, therapeutic massage therapist and audiovisual director. She served in Elk River, St. Cloud, Browns Valley, Flensburg, Foley, St. Paul and Little Falls, all in Minnesota. Sister Therese was a gentle, soft spoken woman with a deep interest in and love for people. She had many interests

and concerns that brought her closer to people. Her desire for more time for prayer was fulfilled when she and Sister Maristell Schanen moved to a house in Belle Prairie and lived there as hermits for a number of years. She had a great love for her family and especially enjoyed spending time with her siblings. She looked forward to the occasional family gatherings of not only siblings, but also cousins. She also enjoyed keeping in touch with many of her former students.

Sister Therese was preceded in death by parents, her brother, Myrl, and a sister, Sister Dorothea, OSB.

Survivors include siblings: Sister Luanne, OSB, St. Joseph; Ira (Donna), St. Cloud; Jane (Thomas) McLaughlin, Cottage Grove; her nieces and nephews, and her Franciscan Community.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Sister Mary Therese Lenz* ”

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Renalda Poser lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz* ”



Renalda Poser - October 18, 2020 at 10:27 AM



Enjoyed many massage sessions with Sister Therese. A beautiful lady. Sister Therese added a lot of joy to my life with her healing massages. Rest In Peace Sister Therese.

Renalda Poser - October 18, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz* ”



Carol Wallace - October 16, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JK

“ *Judy Kathrein lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz*



Judy Kathrein - October 16, 2020 at 06:58 AM

DW

“ *Duane Welle lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz*



Duane Welle - October 15, 2020 at 09:55 PM

DW

She was a wonderful person. We always enjoyed spending time with her

Duane Welle - October 15, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Mary Erickson lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz*



Mary Erickson - October 15, 2020 at 05:50 PM

RA

“ *She always was kind and supportive to us great teacher loved students kindest heart I ever met.*

Randy - October 15, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ *Jim Hilmerson lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz*



Jim Hilmerson - October 15, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Therese Lenz*



Claudette Moran - October 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CM

Blessed be her memory.

Claudette Moran - October 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM

IB

We will miss our visits with Sister Therese. She was a wonderful friend and was always concerned about others. We are sure that she is enjoying her new life in heaven! Dave and Irene Becker

Irene Becker - October 15, 2020 at 11:12 PM