



Sister Olga Neft

December 14, 1929 - May 19, 2026

Sister Olga Neft, 96 year old resident of Little Falls, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the St. Francis Convent in Little Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Francis Convent on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 11 AM. Friends may call at St. Francis Convent on Friday, May 22, from 4-8 PM with a Franciscan prayer service at 7 PM and from 9 AM until the time of the funeral on Saturday. Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube: youtube.com/@FSLFvideos. Arrangements are by LeMieur Funeral Homes, Little Falls. Donations to Franciscan Sisters' ministries are preferred.

Sister Olga was born on December 14, 1929, the fifth of six children born to Henry and Otilia (Funke) Neft in Blackduck, Minn. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on August 12, 1947, receiving the name Mary Aquinas. She made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1949, and final vows on August 12, 1952. She later returned to her baptismal name. She was a Franciscan Sister for 78 years. Sister Olga earned master's degrees in library science and theology. She was the librarian and taught at St. Francis High School for 10 years. Following, she ministered to migrants, did pastoral ministry, directed retreats and was director of temporary professed sisters. She served in Little Falls, St. Paul, Wayzata, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park, Minn.; Des Moines, Iowa, and Marathon and Oconomowoc, Wis. Sister Olga was a welcoming, non-threatening Franciscan woman who went through life looking for God's imprint in each person. She discovered that

it showed itself in as many different ways as there were persons. She had a gentleness and compassion that touched and moved persons she met toward greater openness to God and acceptance of themselves and all creation. She enjoyed creating beauty in a vase, with a sewing machine, on a library shelf, in a picture frame or a pen. She loved to dance and read, to travel or stay at home. She once wrote, "I feel so blessed. Although my life has its share of ups and downs, God has always been there whether in presence or perceived absences. Whenever I have felt most abandoned, God sent a messenger of peace and love." She continued, "The hymn, This is My Song, is important to me for several reasons: to celebrate my love of my country; my teaching ministry, especially in American History and World Geography; my beloved career as a librarian with the whole universe at my fingertips and my Franciscan heritage which embraces all peoples and all of God's creation."

Sister Olga was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Veronica Weidenbomer, Louise Frenzel, Ferdinand Neft, Elizabeth Frenzel, and Ermaline Schlumpberger. Survivors include her nieces, nephews, extended family and her Franciscan Community.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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116 8th Avenue SE
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Prayer Service

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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