



Sr. Mary Lerosé Popp

January 23, 1923 - January 15, 2015

Little Falls, Minnesota.....Sister Mary Lerosé (Florence) Popp, 91, died on January 15, 2015, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls, Minn.

Florence was born on January 23, 1923, in Rice, Minn. She was the fifth of 17 children born to the late Leo and Rose (Gottwalt) Popp. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minn. on August 12, 1941. She received Lerosé as her religious name, a name she chose because it included both her mother and father's names. She made her first profession on August 12, 1943, and final vows on August 12, 1946. Sister Lerosé was a Franciscan Sister for 73 years.

As a child growing up, she enjoyed caring for her younger brothers and sisters and their family was large enough to have their own ball team. In such a large family she and her sisters cherished moments spent helping their mother and visiting with her. It was at these times that their mother talked about some of her daughters becoming religious sisters. Her mother became acquainted with the sisters at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. Rose was pleased when Florence wanted to go to St. Francis High School and become a Franciscan Sister.

Sister Lerosé loved children and enjoyed being with them, especially the hurting and needy ones. It was no accident that her many years of ministry were spent at the St. Cloud Children's Home and as Prefect for the resident students at St. Francis High School. She is quoted as saying, "I went back and forth between these two places like a yo-yo! I had an okay feeling about it

because I always felt needed and wanted and I loved my ministry.” Around 1964, the Children’s Home evolved from custodial care to a treatment center. It was at this time that Sister Lerosé began ministering to the elderly at our Convent Care Center and at St. Otto’s Care Center; however, she missed the children and returned to working as a tutor in the Little Falls schools.

For pastimes, she loved to grow house plants, especially African violets, collect agates, listen to classical music and read. Lerosé loved to play scrabble and became very good at it.

Sister Lerosé was preceded in death by siblings Leona Kasella, Roman, Marvin, Marian Kasella, Roselyn Huver, Wilfred, Arthur, Elmer, Rita Kloss, Corrine Garner and Leo, Jr. Survivors include siblings Robert (Alma) and Ernest (Deloures), Rice; Joanne (Adolf) Zistl, St. Stephen; Harold (Valeria), Orange City, Fla.; Johnelle (Douglas) Novak, Foley; in-laws, nieces, nephews and her Franciscan Community.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Francis Convent on Tuesday, January 20, at 11 a.m. with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Friends may call at St. Francis Convent on Monday, January 19, 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 January 20, at 11 a.m. Arrangements are by Shelley Funeral Chapel, Little Falls.

Donations to Franciscan Sisters Ministries preferred.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Chapel - Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls
116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

JAN **20**. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Mary Lerose Popp*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I enjoyed visiting with Sister Lerose about her time at the Children's Home. She said she enjoyed her ministry to the youth and had fond memories of her time there. I'm certain her gentle demeanor was a significant asset to this ministry. Her memory and the memory of all the wonderful Franciscan Sisters who supported the mission of the Children's Home are an unmatched Legacy.*

*John Krueger
Former Director
St Cloud Children's Home*

John Krueger - January 16, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ *I worked with Sister Larose for several years at Lindbergh school. She had a smile on her face and loved the students.*

Sharon Radl - January 16, 2015 at 08:40 AM

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“ Sr. Lerosé was my 3rd gr. Summer school reading teacher. I told my 3rd gr teacher at St.Marys school that I could not go to summer school because I was moving to Texas, that night at the supper table the phone rang. It was my teacher asking my Father if we planned on moving to Texas, we did not plan to move I just told my teacher that Little tale so I wouldn't have to go. To my surprise, I had Sr.Lerosé to help me with Reading that summer and thanks to her I now Love to read. A kind loving woman and she will be missed.

Melissa Kallberg - January 15, 2015 at 06:17 PM