



Sister Mary Alice Henkel, OSU

September 23, 1931 - October 12, 2024

Sister Mary Alice Henkel, OSU, 93, passed away at Otterbein Sunset House on October 12, 2024. Born to the late Arthur and Margaret Henkel, she entered the Ursuline Convent in September 1957.

A graduate of W.W. Ross High School in Fremont, Ohio, Sister Mary Alice earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Baldwin Wallace College in 1954. Her educational journey continued with studies at Mary Manse College, Wabash College, and the Mercy Hospital School of Medical Technology. She also traveled abroad as a companion to fellow Sisters studying in Europe. Sister Mary Alice served as a lab technician in science classes at Mary Manse College before becoming a medical technologist at Mercy Hospital in 1970. She worked diligently in this role until her retirement in 1994, after which she became certified as a Home Care aide. Sister Mary Alice also enjoyed working part-time at The Catholic Chronicle and assisting her fellow Ursuline Sisters with errands and transportation.

A gifted and award-winning poet, Sister Mary Alice published two books of her poetry and often recited works by the classical poets. She enjoyed attending lectures on theological topics, particularly those related to Catholic Social Teaching, including those in the Corpus Christi University Parish Lecture Series. A champion for social justice, she devoted her time to various volunteer activities, supporting organizations such as Women Blessing Women, Family House, Claver House, the Eleanor Kahle Senior Center, Corpus Christi University Parish's Feed Your Neighbor program, and Rahab's

Heart, where she served as a beloved street outreach worker. She also volunteered for many years at the US Senior Open at Inverness Club, Toledo. Sister Mary Alice was preceded in death by her parents and her close friend, Sister Stephanie Helfrich, OSU. She is survived by her Sisters and Associates of the Ursuline Community.

In accordance with her wishes, Sister Mary Alice donated her body to The University of Toledo, College of Medicine. A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Ursuline Center Chapel, 4035 Indian Road, Toledo, OH. Interment will be at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ursuline Convent, 4045 Indian Road, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

Please sign the guest register at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](https://www.CoyleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are by Coyle Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Ursuline Center
4035 Indian Road
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sister Mary Alice was a compassionate, brave, and witty person. She had many a story and comment that would make my wife and I roar with laughter when we ate with her and Sister Stephanie. Despite her facial affliction, she never indicated bitterness at her plight but soldiered on in her chosen way of life and the profession to which she dedicated herself.*

Robert S. Rudolph - November 09, 2024 at 12:43 PM

BF

“ *Requiescat in pace, Sister Mary Alice. I first met Sister at Mercy Hospital in 1976. She was such a kind and gentle soul. Those of us at The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio also remember her fondly...*



Bernie Filipski - October 23, 2024 at 01:57 PM

MK

“ *Rest in Peace Sister Mary Alice*



Marcia & Garry Kudlinski - October 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JD

“ *Judy Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Alice Henkel, OSU*



Judy Dilworth - October 17, 2024 at 01:48 PM