

Sister Mary Jacinta Neargarder, C.P.P.S.

Sister Mary Jacinta Neargarder, C.P.P.S. 72, formerly from St. Marys, died May 19, 2005 at The Medical College of Ohio in Toledo from injuries in an automobile accident on April 11, 2005.

She was born January 8, 1932 in North Star, to Clarence V. and Bertha (George) Neargarder.

She is survived by three brothers and two sisters, George (Pat) Neargarder and Patti (Bill) Goubeau, St. Marys; Jean (Byron) Dotson, Mill Creek, WA; Robert (Penny) Neargarder, San Jose, CA; Pat Richard (Val) Neargarder, Saratoga, CA; and a sister-in-law, Alice (Joe) Neargarder, Howard Beach, NY. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Joe.

On January 9, 1949 she entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton. She received her B.S. degree in education from the University of Dayton and her B.E. degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, MI. In her 55 years Sister Jacinta has ministered in elementary schools in Phoenix, Kingman, and Mesa, all in Arizona; Fort Wayne, IN; and Dayton, North College Hill, St. Marys

and Ottawa in Ohio. She also worked in the gift shop of the Relic Chapel at Maria Stein at one time. While in Mesa, AZ she also served as associate professor at Arizona State College.

Before retiring in 2000, she was responsible for setting up a centralized library for Sts. Peter & Paul School in Ottawa and forming a Technology Committee for the school. She lived in Ottawa, and was involved in the following ministries: Lector, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, Cantor, Coordinator of the Ministers of Praise, Member of the Health Ministry Core Team and Putman County Barbershop Quartet. She was also on call for hospital and ambulatory care emergencies.

Her viewing was on Monday, May 23, 2005 at St. Peters & Paul Church in Ottawa, Ohio. On Tuesday, May 24, Sister's body was taken to Salem Heights, Dayton, for viewing. The funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Burial was in the Salem Heights Cemetery following the Mass.