

## SISTER EILEEN KLEIN, CDP



Sister Eileen Klein, CDP, formerly known as Sister Mary Florian, entered eternal life on June 20, 2015 at the age of 93. She was one of four children born to Hilmar August Klein and Olga Anna Petri Klein. Eileen was born December 23, 1921 in San Antonio, Texas. She made her first profession of vows on June 22, 1947, and began her ministerial life as a high school business and a fifth and sixth grade teacher at St. Anthony School in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Her last formal Catholic instruction consisted of a two week catechism class, during which she met the Sisters of Divine Providence. After high school graduation, she began a series of jobs: as a telephone operator, an office worker and a stenographer. Although she enjoyed her work, she always felt “something was lacking.”

In August, 1944, her “call” came in the form of an unexplainable feeling that led her to leave work early to share it with the pastor of her parish. Less than a month later, she came to Our Lady of the Lake Convent. Teaching was not a profession she had ever considered for herself but God had another plan; as a Sister, she taught for 36 years and “enjoyed every moment of it.” She says, “All I know is that God took me by the hand and said come on now! I am tired of waiting for you!” Her intense love for God and her life as a woman religious filled the void she had felt prior to becoming a Sister of Divine Providence.

In addition to teaching, Sister also did clerical work and served in the finance office. She was known for her dedication to painting and many of her lovely works adorn the walls of the convent and give enjoyment to viewers.

She is survived by her nieces, nephews and cousins and their families and all her other Sisters of Divine Providence. She was preceded in death by her parents Hilmar August Klein and Olga Anna Petri Klein, her brother, Arthur Klein (Trinidad Cantu) and sisters, Gladys Slemer (William) and Viola Spacek (Joe).

The Rosary is Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. All services will be in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.