

Death Notice

SISTER MARY ANDRENITA

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Kathleen Jane GRIMSEY



Mary Immaculate Province, Toledo, Ohio, USA

Date and Place of Birth:	April 6, 1933	Cleveland, Ohio
Date and Place of Profession:	August 17, 1954	Toledo, Ohio
Date and Place of Death:	June 25, 2015	Toledo, Ohio
Date and Place of Funeral:	July 2, 2015	Toledo, Ohio

How can I make a return for all that has been given to me.

Sister Mary Andrenita knew that her time to enter her eternal home was growing near. “I must become like a child – loving, having no jealousy, and holding no grudges. That is quite a way to live.” These words of Sister Mary Andrenita had a ring of truth in them because in so many ways she had spent her whole life growing into them – becoming them.

Kathleen was born into the family of Andrew and Marian Tyler Grimesey in Cleveland, Ohio where she grew up in the country with her three brothers and two sisters. Moving to Norwalk, Ohio, gave her the chance to attend St. Paul Catholic High School where she met the Sisters of Notre Dame and was influenced by the peace, dedication and joy of their life.

Kathleen joined the community of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Toledo, in 1951 and began her life of dedication in the role of a teacher. Sister Mary Andrenita was an enthusiastic and creative teacher motivating the students by her positive reinforcement and affirmations. For forty-eight years she ministered to the children she loved in elementary and junior high schools of the Toledo Diocese.

In 1996 she retired from full-time classroom teaching and took up residence in Toledo where she became involved in community service and tutoring special needs students at Mary Immaculate School for the next seven years. She had a warm place in her heart for these students with learning disabilities.

Outgoing and very pleasant, Sister Mary Andrenita always made friends easily and loved to be part of community conversation. Showing concern, asking questions, greeting you on your special day, she showed her love and joy being with you. She would go the extra mile to share candy or doughnuts when someone had a hard day or needed a surprise. Driving sisters to appointments or taking them shopping gave her the opportunity to be outdoors in the beautiful nature God created while visiting with the sister during their trip.

On April 9, 2015 after medical tests and hospital stays Sister took up residence at the Ursuline Center in Toledo so she could receive the medical assistance she needed. Only after 11 weeks our dear Sister found herself on her journey home to God. At the age of 82 and in her 61st year of religious profession she surrendered herself peacefully into the arms of God. May she find peace in her home with the Creator God.