

## **SISTER MARY VALERIA JASIOTA**

Sister Mary Valerie, the former Julianna Jasiota, a religious for 81 years entered the Congregation of the Felician Sisters in 1929. She made her first vows in 1931 and her final profession in 1937.

Sister Mary Valerie was the oldest of nine children born to Joseph and Honorata (Lesniak) Jasiota in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



Sister Mary Valerie received a Bachelor of Education degree from Carlow College and a Master of Education degree from Duquesne University, both located in Pittsburgh. Serving the Church primarily in the educational field, sister ministered as a teacher and principal in schools of the dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Cleveland, Steubenville, and Wheeling. In the Erie diocese, Sister Mary Valerie was principal, teacher, and local minister at her home parish school of the Assumption from 1970-1975.

After a rewarding ministry in the classroom, sister served in parish ministry as a home and hospital visitor. It was her joy to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, to speak of spiritual matters and to lift spirits with her easy-going disposition and sense of humor.

On the occasion of her 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious life, sister acknowledged that she had persevered patiently and willingly affirming her belief that it was God's will.

After a full life in parish ministry, Sister Mary Valerie embraced the ministry of prayer always faithful to her spiritual exercises and to daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. She had a great devotion to St. Joseph and never failed to greet him as she passed statues and/or paintings of him throughout the convent.

Sister Mary Valerie celebrated many milestones in her long life of dedication. She also accepted gracefully the setbacks of aging.

In her final days, after a serious fall, sister was transferred to St. Anne Home where she, while bedridden, was cared for with love by the sisters and staff there.

She died quietly on Good Friday to be received by her beloved Spouse into the halls of eternity for an Easter that will last forever.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 6, in the Felician Sisters Chapel by Rev. Bernard Shulik chaplain. Sister was then laid to rest among her sisters in Christ in the convent cemetery, Moon Township.