

Atchison, KS



Sister Rosina Baumgartner, O.S.B., 92, a Benedictine Sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., died October 15, 2014.

The vigil service will be Sunday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there on Monday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m., at the monastery. Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home (www.arenbergpruett.com) is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to Mount St. Scholastica or made online at the Mount's web site (www.mountosb.org).

Sister Rosina (Mary Theresa) was the oldest of four children born to Andrew and Pauline Miller Baumgartner of Atchison, and spent most of her life serving the needs of the people of her hometown. A graduate of Mount St. Scholastica Academy (1940) and Mount St. Scholastica College (1944), she entered the Benedictine Sisters in 1944, and made monastic profession in 1946.

Her education supported her ministry in social service, music, liturgy, and religious education at all age levels. Sister Rosina taught and also did pastoral work in both social concerns and music. An early ecumenist, she was an active member of the Atchison Ministerial Alliance, serving as president 1978-81, and earlier as vice-president of the ministerial alliance of Beatrice, Neb. In Beatrice, she was also named Professional Woman of the Year in 1974. She was one of three founders of the Atchison alliance's Hunger Task Force. Various testimonials have commended her for improving membership and activity in these organizations, citing also her ecumenical leadership in prayer. Sister Rosina served on the monastery's personnel committee, social concerns committee, and community senate, and was the first director of the lay volunteer program.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her sister, Pauline Amrein of Atchison. She is survived by a brother George, also of Atchison, her sister Rosina (Joseph) of Halpin, Texas, brother-in-law Edwin Amrein, nieces and nephews, and cousins, including Sister Irmina Miller of the Mount community.