

Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS

Sister Sienna Rohlfer, OSB, 99, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., died January 12 at the monastery.

The vigil service will be Tuesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there on Wednesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Sienna Rohlfer was born in Wien, Mo., to John and Anna Nannemann Rohlfer, the second oldest of seven children. After attending the Mount Academy for two years, she entered the Mount community in 1933. She made her monastic profession in 1934 and celebrated her diamond jubilee in 2009. She spent 50 years as a teacher in parish schools in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. She was also principal for 16 of those years. After her retirement in 1984, she worked in the pre-school at the Mount Community Center for two years and then did sewing, quilting and crafts. She also served as organist in St. Lucy's chapel for several years. Two of her sisters, Sisters Ruthanna and Mary Linus, were also members of the Mount community.

Sister Sienna was preceded in death by her parents, by her brothers John and Joseph, and her sisters Emelia Westhues, Sister Ruthanna and Sister Mary Linus. She is survived by her sister Marie Rustemeyer of Salisbury, Mo., nephews and nieces, and her monastic family, including a cousin, Sister Bernelda Nannemann. Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home (beckerdyer.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).