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**Dominican Sister of Peace Teresita Huse, OP** (103), a native of Kingman, KS, died July 4, 2022, at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Great Bend, KS.

Sr. Teresita was born Marcella Kathrene to Frank and Clara Marx Huse on July 23, 1918. In 2021, Sr. Teresita celebrated 85 years of Dominican life, having made first profession in 1936 and final profession in 1940.

Sister Teresita earned her BA in English from St. Mary College, her MA in Library Science from Rosary College, and her MA in Theology from Saint Xavier University. For the first 16 years of her long ministry, she was a dedicated teacher at elementary and secondary schools in Kansas and Oklahoma. She also served as a professor of Theology, registrar and librarian of Immaculate Conception College in Great Bend, KS.

Sr. Teresita served as a Pastoral Minister at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Goodland, KS, before moving back to Great Bend to serve on Congregational leadership for eight years.

During a year-long sabbatical, Sr. Teresita traveled to Japan to teach English to adult learners. This trip was the beginning of a period of world travel, when over a number of years, Sr. Teresita visited New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, Korea and India. She also organized tours to the Holy Land.

Even after her retirement from active ministry, Sr. Teresita was devoted to the Great Bend ministry in Nigeria. She was very active in planning and running the annual Mission Bazaar, recruiting volunteers and donations for years.

In a news article profiling her then-85 years in ministry published in 2021, Sr. Teresita said that from a young age, she had dreamed of life as a religious sister. She even got to play a sister in a school play! At the age of nearly 104, she said that “God’s great goodness to me as a Dominican for 75 years boggles my mind, and God willing, there will be more. I’m very, very happy with my many years in the convent. I’ve been truly blessed.”

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, as well as the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Sister Teresita was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Leo, Cletus, and Sylvester.

A Vigil Service was held on July 7, and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 8, both at the Sisters’ Convent in Great Bend. Sr. Teresita was interred at the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery in Great Bend.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Teresita's memory may be sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr. Columbus, OH 43219 or [opeace.org](http://opeace.org). Memorials may also be sent to Hope for the Village Child to benefit the Sisters' Nigerian Mission.