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Dominican Sister of Peace Adrian Marie (Mary Harriet) Hofstetter (100) died at the Sansbury Care Center in St. Catharine, KY, on January 9, 2020.

Sr. Adrian Marie was born on April 6, 1919 in Nashville, TN, the daughter of Marguerite Sanders and Oscar B. Hofstetter.

Gifted from God with a sharp, scientific mind, Sr. Adrian Marie earned her Associate's Degree in Math from Siena College in Memphis, TN. She earned her Master of Science and PhD in Biology/Zoology from Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, and her Doctor of Ministry from Creighton University, Omaha, NE.

Sr. Adrian Marie began her ministry as a teacher, serving in Indiana and Tennessee. She worked briefly as a social worker at Holy Name Parish in Memphis before becoming a Professor of Biology at LeMoyne Owen College in Memphis, during which time she worked for racial equality in that southern city.

Sr. Adrian Marie served her community as the Director of Ecumenism and Religion at St. Catharine, then added duties as a visiting professor at Savannah State College. She served as a visiting professor at Knoxville College, as University Chaplain and Religious Education Coordinator at Creighton University, and Director of Ecumenism and Reconciliation at the Resurrection Convent in Brooklyn, NY, before moving to Boughton Place in Highland, NY, to serve in a variety of positions including CCR Chair, Coordinator of Home Sharing, and Director of the Center for Ecumenism. She also authored a book, *EARTH-FRIENDLY: Re-Visioning Science and Spirituality through Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, and Rudolf Steiner*.

Sr. Adrian Marie returned to St. Catharine in 2006, where she began a ministry of prayer and study. She began her final ministry of prayer and service at the Sansbury Care Center in 2011.

At her Memorial Mass, Sr. Elaine DesRosiers recounted some of the comments made of Sr. Adrian in the days following her death:

“She was indeed a prophet.”

“Our bright light has been extinguished.”

“She was about the most determined person ever created.”

“She was a great example of living the 4 Pillars of Dominican life.””

“Heaven will never be the same now that Adrian is there.”

Sr. Adrian is survived by one brother, Rev. Robert Hofstetter and several nieces and nephews.

A Vigil of Remembrance Service was held on January 16, 2020, and a Memorial Mass was held on Friday, January 17, 2020, both at the Sansbury Care Center Chapel in St. Catharine, KY. As a final act of charity, Sr. Adrian Marie donated her body to science. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial gifts in Sister Adrian Marie’s memory may be sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH, 43219 or submitted securely at [oppeace.org](http://oppeace.org)