



**Sr. Charlene Vogel, OP**

## **Dominican Sister of Peace Charlene Vogel, OP**

**Dominican Sister of Peace Charlene Vogel, OP (87)**, went home to her God on February 6, 2024, after a very brief illness.

Born to Mary Margaret Warner and Charles E. Vogel in Grand Island, NE, Sr. Charlene entered the Congregation in 1955, made First Profession in 1957, and took Final Vows in 1960. She lived a faithful and service-filled Dominican life for 67 years.

Young Charlene Vogel was recommended by her local pastor for both her intellectual and spiritual qualities. She proved this recommendation true, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and English from Siena College, her Master of Arts in Mathematics from Marquette University, and her Master of Arts in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University. Sister also earned numerous certificates in catechesis, radiological monitoring, writing for publication, and other areas of professional development. In true Dominican style, Sr. Charlene was always eager to immerse herself in study, especially when her new knowledge could help someone else.

Sr. Charlene ministered as a teacher and principal in Iowa, Nebraska, and Tennessee for more than twenty-five years. She took a brief sabbatical in the early 1980's, then served her Congregation, ministering as both Regional Coordinator and as Director of Formation. She was commended for the "integrity and faithfulness" she brought to these positions.

Sr. Charlene later returned to her ministry of education, both at Spalding Academy in her home state of Nebraska, Holy Rosary Parish in Springfield, and our founded Saint Catharine College. There she used her extensive experience and talents as the Coordinator for the Resource Center, and by providing tutoring services. As always, she opened her heart to be of service.

Sr. Charlene ministered to her local community with love, serving as a member of Habitat for Humanity and on the St. Catharine Farm and the Congregational Eco-justice committees. She was also a dedicated supporter of the effort to place 605 acres of the St. Catharine Farm into a conservancy, a goal that was attained in 2022.

Sr. Charlene preached through her art as well, and enjoyed cross-stitch, embroidery, and crochet. She was an avid gardener as well, revitalizing the greenhouse at the Congregation's St. Catharine Farm and tending flower gardens on the Motherhouse grounds.

During her retirement at St. Catharine, Sr. Charlene felt fortunate to enjoy “a view of the lower lake with the geese visitors, the solitary blue heron, a pasture hill, and the retreat cabin. It is a haven for prayer, study, doing crafts and rest.” She spent her final days doing what she loved, in the land that she helped to protect.

Sr. Charlene is survived by brothers Rolland, Jim, Charley, and sisters Judy Mettenbrink, Rosellen Vogel and Susan Schutt and many nieces and nephews.

A wake and sharing of memories took on February 15, 2024, in the Sansbury Care Center in St. Catharine, KY. The funeral mass was conducted on February 16, 2024, at Magdalen Chapel. Sr. Charlene was interred in the St. Catharine Motherhouse cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sister Charlene’s memory may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219-2098. To make a secure online donation or to view a full obituary, please visit [www.oppeace.org](http://www.oppeace.org).