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**Dominican Sister of Peace Jolene (Antoinette Marie) Geier, OP** (84), a native of Garden City, KS, died September 14, 2022, at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Great Bend, KS.

Sr. Jolene was born to Josephine Lavenstein and Anthony Geier on January 1, 1938.

In her first year of high school, God called Sr. Jolene to serve as a Dominican Sister. She entered the Congregation in 1952 and took her final vows in 1955. After finishing her own education, Sr. Jolene became a teacher, sharing God's love as she taught elementary school students in Colorado and Kansas.

She left her educational ministry in 1973, following God's call to retreat work at the Liff Seminary in Colorado, then serving as a Core Member at the Pilgrim House of Praise. She served in pastoral ministry at two Kansas hospitals before serving her congregation as Director of Associates and Initiates and later as Justice Promoter.

Sr. Jolene's longest single ministry was at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Great Bend, KS. She enjoyed the peaceful pace of life at the Heartland Center, even as she remained passionate about issues of social justice. Of her work as Justice Promoter and at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, she said "When it comes to peace, prayer isn't enough. We all have to work really hard." Sr. Jolene worked for peace as a religious Sister for 67 years.

Sr. Jolene was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by brothers Alan, Danny, and Larry Geier; sisters Barbara Jean Schartz, Katherine Rhodes, and Lola Wilson; several nieces and nephews; as well as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

A Wake Service on Saturday, Sept. 17, and a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, Sept. 17 were both held in the Dominican Chapel of the Plains at the Sisters' Convent. Sr. Jolene was interred at the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Jolene's memory may be sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr. Columbus, OH 43219 or [oppeace.org](http://oppeace.org).