



**We remember  
Sister Annette Knight, RSM  
1919-2008**

~ a Sister of Mercy for 70 years!

*Eulogy by Sister Charlene Ross*

We are gathered here to say our heartfelt thanks to God for giving us Sister Annette Knight whose life among us called and (continues to) call us to ponder the mystery of our time together. That time and place has been different for each of us because Annette has worn several hats in many times and places.

We extend a special thank you to Virginia Knight, Annette's sister-in-law, and her family for praying and celebrating with us here these past two days.

Mary Anne Knight was born Oct. 1, 1919, in Kansas City, Mo. She attended grade school at St. Ann's in Independence, Mo. (that closed in June) and graduated in 1936 from St. Vincent Academy, in Kansas City. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1938 and received the name Sister Mary Annette. Annette earned degrees from College of Saint Mary, University of Notre Dame (Ind.); and Rosary College of Library Science (Ill.).

From 1941 to 1975 she was a teacher and then principal in schools in Joplin, Mo.; Omaha and Chadron, Nebr., Kansas City and Independence, Mo; and Denver, Co. From 1975 to 1990 she served as librarian in the Denver Public Library System followed by the Mid-Continent Library in Grandview, Mo.

Sister Annette was preceded in death by her mother, Mary A. Knight and brothers: Charles and Herbert.

I first met Annette at a skating party in 1952 at St. James School cafeteria. The sisters from Kansas City and Independence had gathered, and Annette stood out for her skills. Virginia tells us that Annette was a

long-time tomboy; we can surmise there were other hidden skills. Then, as now, we 'young sisters' shared our stories about our 'now' and we gathered tidbits about our local Mercy world. Experiences were many and varied as changes occurred every August 16.

Annette's call to be a principal came suddenly - following the death of her principal at Presentation School in Denver. Fellow teacher, Sister Eleanor Castle, recalled that Annette was always fair with the teachers and students, and was always willing to try something new. She loved the mountains and she loved having a great time. Annette kept in contact with many former students.

On becoming a librarian, Annette found a new mission in both Colorado and Missouri. However, at this time her deepest concern was the health and welfare of her ailing mother. After her mother's death, Annette again reached out - this time to the senior citizens of Presentation Parish where she became a communion minister and friend to the homebound. During this time Annette also joined in social gatherings of the local retired Sisters and the cluster group later formed.

Service to people marked Annette's life, but so did her tender love for her plants, her dog, and her birds. As health constraints took their toll, Annette's activities came to a sudden halt with illness and personality changes that defied independent living, her generous service, and her quick wit. Today, we are thankful to a gracious God who has called Annette to wholeness and ever lasting peace.

Condolences can be sent to her sister-in-law: Virginia Knight, 5302 Harry Truman Dr Apt 103, Grandview, MO, 64030