



Sr Jane Marie DeLand, OSC

September 14, 1940 - June 8, 2026

Sr. Jane Marie DeLand, 85, passed away peacefully at the Sisters of St. Francis Convent in Oldenburg, Indiana on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Sr. Jane Marie was born in Muskegon, Michigan on September 14, 1940, to the late Milton James and Verna (MacDonald) DeLand. She was a registered nurse and community health nurse for Kent County, Michigan. She loved her career in public health nursing but felt a greater calling. In 1965, Pope John XXIII asked for volunteers to help as Papal Volunteers for Latin America in South America. She responded and was sent as a lay volunteer with 100 others to Arequipa, Peru where she continued to use her professional nursing skills in home nursing and at a Maryknoll parish clinic for four years. She left her lay professional nursing career and joined the Order of Poor Clare in her 40s and moved to Evansville to begin her life as a Poor Clare. Sr. Jane served in the convent for 32 years as head of the Monastery infirmary, and as Vicarress or as Abbess for a number of 3 year terms. In her final years, she had the very difficult task of making the arrangements for the closure and sale of the Evansville Poor Clare Monastery as well as the placement and ongoing care of the three remaining sisters.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Ginny and (Bill) Kelly, Sue and (Kyle) Clausen, Mary and (Madeline) Takas, Mike and (Carol) Takas, Matt and (Theresa) Takas; cousins, Judith and (Mike) Caine, Mickey and (Doug) Koning, Tom and (Carol) Gietzen, Rosalie and (Ken) Holtrop, John and (Diane) Gietzen, Anne and (Jack) Edsenga.

In addition to her parents, Sr. Jane Marie was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Jerry Takas and her niece Kathryn Takas.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in the chapel at Seton Residence, Bishop Joseph Siegel and priests of the Diocese of Evansville officiating. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

There will be a visitation prior to the funeral Mass on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass at Seton Residence, 9200 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Poor Clare Nuns, 4419 North Hawthorne Street, Spokane, WA 99205.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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