

Sister Agnes Alich, OSB

June 10, 1932 ~ June 15, 2018 (age 86)



Services

WAKE SERVICE/MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday

June 27, 2018

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel
Duluth, MN

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday

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11:00 AM

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Sister Agnes Alich (formerly Sr. Mary Andrew), 86, died at St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth on Friday, June 15, 2018. Agnes Amelia Alich was born on a farm near Border, Minnesota on June 10, 1932, one of seven children of John Alich and Delvina (St. Lawrence) Alich. After attending school in Border and graduating from Indus High School, Agnes enrolled in The College of St. Scholastica in 1950 to study chemistry, and a year later joined the Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, making her First Monastic Profession in 1953 and her Perpetual Profession in 1956. She taught at St. Francis School in Brainerd, Cathedral Junior High in Duluth, and Gerard High School in Phoenix, AZ. In 1960 she received her B.S. degree and in 1961 her M.S. degree in inorganic chemistry from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Then she began her long career of teaching chemistry at The College of St. Scholastica, interrupted only by three years of further study at Northwestern University where she received her doctoral degree in 1972.

The following years at St. Scholastica were extraordinarily productive. In addition to serving as Chair of the Chemistry Department for 18 years, Sister Agnes was intent on continuing research, was the recipient of many awards and honors, procured numerous grants for and mentored 80 student research projects, published 29 papers and gave over 49 presentations, served on the IRC Consortium to promote Native American student opportunities, wrote and edited papers for the EPA, and developed courses in Environmental Chemistry and Global Sustainability, to mention only a few of her teaching and professional accomplishments. On her retirement in 2009, she was awarded Emeritus status by the College.

Sister Agnes was actively involved in her religious community's life and liturgy, serving on many committees, spearheading many projects, and serving as a Board member for three of its hospitals and two facilities of the Benedictine Health System. She also sang as an alto with the Duluth Symphony for 30 years.

Sister Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, her brother George and four sisters: Marianne Christensen, Clara Ley, Sylvia Engbretson and Margaret Koranda. She is survived by her brother John (Jeanine) Alich, many nieces and nephews, her Benedictine Sisters, colleagues and many friends.

A wake service/morning prayer with visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel in St. Scholastica Monastery. The presider will be Father Brian Schultz. Sister Agnes will be buried in Gethsemane Cemetery at St. Scholastica Monastery. Funeral arrangements are by Dougherty Funeral Home. Memorials to St. Scholastica