

Atchison, KS

Sister Mary Benet Obear, OSB, 95, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., died Friday, August 25, at the monastery. The vigil service will be Sunday, August 27 at 7 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there Monday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Mary Benet Obear was the third of five children born to Alice and Howard Obear in Chicago, Ill. After graduating from St. Scholastica Academy in Chicago, she worked as an airline hostess and secretary. She entered the Benedictine sisters in Atchison in 1947 and professed monastic vows in 1948. She taught grade school and high school from 1948-1969. She earned a master of science degree in chemistry and math from Marquette University and a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Arizona. She worked as an activity director at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Mo., and Rockhill Care Center in Kansas City, Mo. She was also director of pastoral care at a nursing home in Tucson, Ariz., for three years. From 1981-95, she taught math and tutored students at Donnelly College. After retiring, Sister Mary Benet worked in the monastery library.

Sister Mary Benet was preceded in death by her parents, Alice and Howard Obear, by her four siblings: Howard Obear Jr., Jane Leiser, Peter Obear and Bettie Obear. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Obear, nieces, nephews and her monastic family. Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home (www.beckerdyer.com) is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to Mount St. Scholastica or made online at the Mount's web site (www.mountosb.org).