

Atchison, KS



Sister Noreen (Georgette) Hurter, OSB, 89, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans., died Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at the monastery. The vigil service will be Friday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there Saturday, September 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Noreen was born in Cranford, N.J., on November 22, 1927, to Henri and Ruth Saunderson Hurter. After graduating from Mount St. Scholastica College in 1950, Sister Noreen entered the monastery, making her monastic profession in 1952. She enjoyed her years of teaching on elementary, secondary and college levels in Kansas and Missouri. She was a librarian at Mount St. Scholastica College and first librarian of Benedictine College and served for a year as academic dean at Benedictine College until being elected prioress in 1975. As prioress, she encouraged an ecumenical and international outreach, including concern for refugees, peace work, medical services and rural ministry. Leaving office in 1988, she spent six months at the sisters' mission in Mineiros, Brazil. Later ministries included Mount development director, development and program director of the Mount Community Center, and principal of St. James School in St. Joseph, Mo. In her retirement, she was monastery librarian.

Sister Noreen was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Eugene. She is survived by a nephew, cousins, and her monastic family. Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home (www.arenbergpruett.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).