

Atchison, KS

Sister Mary Margaret (religious name Theodore) Bunck, OSB, 94, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas, died Monday, February 5, 2018, at the monastery. The vigil service will be Sunday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there Monday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Mary Margaret was born in Everest, Kansas, on November 16, 1923. She attended a country school and Everest High School before entering the Mount community in 1945. On her personnel file, she listed work experience before entering as “farmer’s daughter: drove tractor, harvested crops, milked cows and many other activities.” She made her monastic profession in 1946. After earning a B.S. in education from Mount St. Scholastica College, she was a beloved and creative primary teacher for 42 years in Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa, making every child feel accepted and involved. She later did varied services in the monastery including gracious and cheerful chauffeuring for sisters unable to drive.

Sister Mary Margaret was preceded in death by her parents William and Anna Hrenchir Bunck, by her brothers William, Jr., Albert and Edward Bunck and her sisters Amy Bunck, who died at birth, Alma Cavanaugh and Jeanette Gronniger. She is survived by 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).