



## Sr. Dolores Burgo, OSF

October 6, 2022

Sister Dolores Burgo, OSF

On October 6, 2022, Sister Dolores Burgo (Sister "Dolly" to many) passed away at The Waters of Wexford.

Sister Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony Burgo and Sara Marie Fretzel, both of Johnstown, PA. She is survived by her brother, Ron (Blanka), of Menifee, California, their 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, along with cousins and family members from the Burgo and Fretzel families, and many special friends.

Sister Dolores was born in Johnstown and entered the Sisters of St Francis of the Neumann Communities in 1948. Sister Dolores was an elementary and junior high school teacher in both the Pittsburgh and Johnstown areas. She earned a BA in Education from Duquesne University in 1962, and an MA in Education in 1970, also from Duquesne. She also completed a 5 week course at Gannon College in 1972 on Vocational Education.

Sister Dolores was principal at St George School in Pittsburgh from 1970-1972, and she served in the Education Office for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese from 1972-1976. The 1980's and 1990's found her in Johnstown as she cared for her parents and also continued ministry in the parishes of St Patrick, Our Mother of Sorrows, St Clement and Church of the Visitation. In 1999, Sister Dolores celebrated her golden jubilee while she was Pastoral Associate at Church of the Visitation, Johnstown. She was responsible for Christian Initiation, Baptismal preparation, Liturgy of the Word for children and

the Disciples in Mission program, ministries that were close to her heart. She continued family care until 2006, and returned to the Motherhouse in Pittsburgh in 2007. In 2019, Sister Dolores celebrated another jubilee: her 70th as a Franciscan. Fr Richard Davis, TOR (Loretto) was in attendance on her special day.

Sister Dolores had a wonderful ministry: writing cards to family, friends and Sisters for any reason or occasion, and often to express her thanks. Many people were blessed by her thoughtfulness.

Viewing will be held on Monday, October 10 at St Aidan's parish, St Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford from 12:30-1:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be at 1:00 PM. Interment at Mt. Alvernia Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 208, Liverpool, NY. 13088. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, LTD., Lawrenceville.

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# Cemetery Details

## Mount Alvernia Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Alexis Church, St. Aiden Parish  
10090 Old Perry Highway  
Wexford, PA 15090

## Mass

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Dolores Burgo, OSF*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *All of her nieces and nephews loved her dearly. I remember as a child, laughing at how excited she got over football. She would even listen to the football games over the radio in the car and cheer when her team did well. I will miss the sound of her sweet voice and words of encouragement. She will be greatly missed. She was a blessing to so many and a faithful servant to the Lord. God, we pray that Aunt Dolly is now at rest in heaven with Grandma and Grandpap and that she knows how much she's loved. Thank you God for sharing her with us. Her niece, Tracy*



Tracy - October 10, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *I absolutely adored Sister Modesta! She was my 5th grade teacher and inspired me so much. (1960) She brought out the best in each student and had such a great sense of humor and positive attitude. God rest her beautiful soul!!!*

Debbie Polacek Rheel - October 09, 2022 at 12:27 AM

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“ Sr. Dolores was an avid sports fan. She loved the Steelers, Notre Dame and Penn State. While studying at Notre Dame she met Lou Hotlz and correspond with the coach and his wife. A similar event happened with the Penn State coach, Joe Paterano and his wife. When Sr. Dolores would watch the football games, she got very excited on big plays and would get up and cheer out loud. Blanka said to me, "Why don't you get excited and jump up like Dolly?"  
-brother Ron.

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**Ron Burgo** - October 08, 2022 at 02:23 PM

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“ The Anthony and Sara Burgo Family purchased the Always Adored Casket Spray for the family of Sr. Dolores Burgo, OSF.



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**The Anthony and Sara Burgo Family** - October 07, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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“ Ron & Blanka Burgo Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sr. Dolores Burgo, OSF.



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**Ron & Blanka Burgo Family** - October 07, 2022 at 03:30 PM