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Benedictine Sister Marjorie McManus Passes

TUCSON, Ariz. – Benedictine Sister of Perpetual Adoration Marjorie McManus, OSB passed away Sept. 10, 2010, at the Emmanuel Care Home in Tucson.

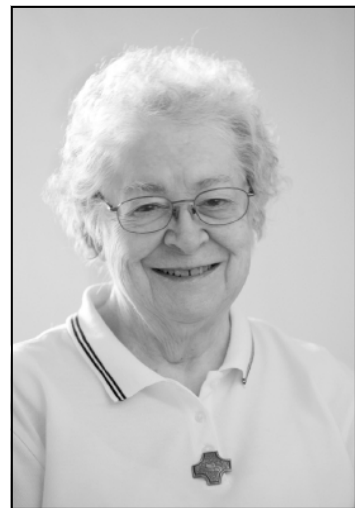
She was born on April 30, 1925, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Charles and Mary Josephine (Monnot) McManus. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charles McManus; and a sister, Marguerite Marino.

She graduated from Renton High School in 1944, attended the University of Washington and worked for Boeing Aircraft Company and the Puget Sound Title Insurance Company. Her hobbies included photography, baking cakes, needlepoint and reading.

While in church one day she picked up a booklet published by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde. On the back cover was a list of other booklets, one of which was a Devotion to the Little Infant of Prague. She ordered one for her sister, Barbara, who was a devotee. With it came a letter introducing Marjorie to the Association of Perpetual Adoration. She enrolled herself and each member of the family. With each enrollment came a letter, which seemed to come straight from God.

“I was invited to visit Clyde, which I did in September 1950,” Sister Marjorie recalled. “When I left I knew I would be returning. I felt a real desire to enter at Clyde because it seemed the perfect blend of community and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.”

She entered on Aug. 10, 1952, and made her First Monastic Profession on Feb 11, 1954. After making her final vows in 1959, Sister Marjorie was briefly stationed in Tucson and San Diego, Calif., where she worked at various jobs in the altar bread department, the kitchen and the sacristan. She was transferred to Clyde in 1960 where she would spend the next 16 years working in the printery.



Sister Marjorie

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“I am very grateful to have been a part of the Benedictine Publications Center because through our ministry of the printed word all those years ago I became acquainted with our Congregation, and I firmly believe we have a great ministry to help other people find the deep peace that comes with learning about God’s great love for each of us,” she said.

Sister Marjorie later went to the San Diego monastery until it closed in 1992 and spent the remaining years of her religious life at Tucson where she worked as the librarian.

In August 2010, she experienced severe back pain and was diagnosed with bone cancer. Further tests revealed the cancer had spread throughout her body, and she chose no further treatment. She was placed in the Holy Family Hospice Center for pain management then moved to Emmanuel Care Home where she passed.

Sister Marjorie is survived by her sisters, Mary Louise Olsen and Barbara Lagreid, extended family and her monastic family. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tucson. Memorials can be sent in care of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 31970 State Highway P, Clyde, Mo. 64432-8100.

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