

Sister Macrina Scott, osf

Marguerite Rose Scott (Peggy) was born January 1, 1932, to Robert and Marguerite Scott, who lived in Chicago. She was their only child until Jean was born seven years later, and Marie another four years later. She fell in love with the last baby, who has been her closest friend through life.

The family moved to Baltimore, to Amarillo, Texas, and then back to Chicago as Peggy entered high school. She attended six different Catholic schools, and always loved the sisters and felt drawn to their life.

For two years she attended the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, where she became deeply attracted to Benedictine life. After a year at the University of Chicago she decided to enter a contemplative Benedictine community, Regina Laudis, in Bethlehem, Connecticut. During her seventeen years there she was deeply formed in a liturgical and biblical spirituality.

The Second Vatican Council came as a powerful call of the Spirit, and led to her leaving monastic life to participate in a house of prayer being established at Marycrest, and eventually to her transfer to the Marycrest Franciscans.

As a Franciscan she participated in the spiritual renewal that came in the wake of the Council especially through retreat work, giving spiritual direction, and teaching scripture. After obtaining a Master's Degree in Theological Studies at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, she founded the Catholic Biblical School of the Archdiocese of Denver. In her twenty years as director of that program, thousands of adults participated in it in Denver, and many more used the printed form published by Paulist Press. She knew that this was the work for which God had prepared her all her life, and she gave herself to it wholeheartedly.

She believed strongly in the value of the retirement years. When she retired at the age of seventy she tried to gather others eager for the spiritual adventures of aging at Wisdom Center at Marycrest, [and eventually at Most Precious Blood Parish]. She also continued to write and teach about scripture. Her published works include many articles and three books: Picking the "Right" Bible Study Program, Bible Stories Revisited: Discover Your Story in the Old Testament, and Bible Stories Revisited: Discover Your Story in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

She found joy in her later years in the home of her niece Lori Kochevar, her husband Dave Sullivan, and their two beautiful children, Brandon and Tessa Marie.

All her life she has yearned for the fullness of union that comes only with death, and she is grateful to have found it. Sr. Macrina's illness was short-lived and she delighted in the expectation of meeting her God face to face.

Sr. Macrina died Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Collier Hospice Center, in Denver, Colorado where she was surrounded by many of her sisters and her niece Lori Kochevar. Her Funeral Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Dominic's Catholic Church along with Sr. Leona Card who died the same day. Sr. Macrina's ashes are interred in Mount Olivet Cemetery, in Denver, Colorado.