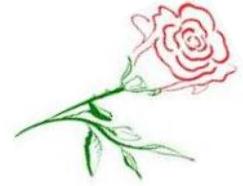


# *In Memory of Sr. Anthony Clare McGuire*

~ composed by Sr. Rosanne McDonald ~

**(Mary Gertrude McGuire)**

February 14, 1919 – January 14, 2012



Sr. Anthony Clare McGuire, SA

**Mary Gertrude McGuire** grew up in the Allston section of Boston MA. She attended Mt. St. Joseph's Academy in Brighton MA. After she graduated from the Academy, she went on to the Boston Clerical School for four years. This business training was instrumental in her obtaining a position at the State House in Boston, a position she held for four years. While she was in high school, she read the book, "The Larks of Umbria." She also always listened to Fr. Paul on the *Ave Maria Hour*. She did not know there were Sisters of the Atonement until she was listening to the radio broadcast of Father Paul's funeral. This intrigued her so she subscribed to the magazine, "The Candle." She began to feel this was where she was being called to be. That July, she

wrote to Mother Monica. Her entrance date was December 8, 1944, and she was clothed June 2, 1945 and received the name of **Sr. Anthony Clare**. She professed first vows on June 13, 1946 and final vows on August 25, 1952.

Sr. Anthony Clare often spoke of the fact that Sr. Mary Celine opened the door for her the day she entered. She was the first Sister of the Atonement she ever saw. Sr. Mary Celine was also her Postulant Mistress and Sr. Anna Marie was her Novice Mistress. Sr. Anthony Clare was missioned in Schuylerville, NY; Rockland ME; and in 1952 she returned to the Motherhouse and taught religious education in New York City and towns near Graymoor for two years. After final profession she was missioned to Hamden, CT. Three years later she returned to Graymoor and at the following General Chapter, she was elected Mother Monica's Secretary General. She held this position from 1954 until 1972. Her giftedness in business skills served the congregation well over the years as she was the house bookkeeper, taking care of Mother Monica's correspondence. Always reliable, flexible and willing to help where there was a need. She began her novena ministry with Sister Alexis Joseph and later Sr. Margaret Sikora in the Development Office.

Sr. Anthony Clare's faithfulness in writing cards to all the Sisters for all occasions will not be forgotten as well as having Masses offered for others. Her great love and trust for and in St. Anthony is legend. May she rest in peace.