

In Memory of Sr. Lucille Hassey

FEBRUARY 27, 1923—OCTOBER 12, 2014

Sr. Lucille Hassey, 91, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement from Graymoor, died on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital, Edmonton, AB, Canada after living there for a very short time. Sister Lucille (Olga Rosalia) was born on February 27, 1923 to Anastasia (Chepil) and Thomas Hassey of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where she grew up and later met the Sisters.

Sister Lucille was predeceased by her brother, Stanley, as well as her 3 sisters, Eugenia (Lupul), Rosalia and Hedwig. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Sister entered the convent as a postulant on October 20, 1946. She professed her first vows on May 17, 1948 and her final vows on August 29, 1953. As an Atonement missionary, Sister served in parish, catechetical, pastoral ministries in Canajoharie, NY, Canada (Edmonton, Revelstoke, and Golden); in guest house ministries in Italy (Rome and Assisi), in senior programs at Mother Lurana Home in Garrison, NY. Sister returned to St. Joseph's Convent, Edmonton, AB, Canada in May 1986 and resided there until her death.

Sr. Lucille wrote: *"It was through Betty Moric (Sr. Agnes Marie) that I heard about the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement — whom I later met in Edmonton and in Smoky Lake, Alberta. I entered on October 5, 1946 and on May 15, 1947, I was clothed with the Holy Habit and received the name 'Sister Lucille.' In March 1949, I was transferred to the Atonement Home in Edmonton ... I helped wherever I was needed, but I did not work with the children. Then, I cooked. On my own time, I would visit the Catholic patients in the Royal Alex Hospital once per week.*

"On August 29, 1953, I professed my Final Vows and in August 1963, I was transferred to Assisi, Italy for 6 months where I helped with household duties at our beautiful guest house. Later, I was transferred to Rome, Italy and helped there with household duties and with the visitors coming to this Holy City. In May 1973, I celebrated my Silver Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement and was transferred to Mother Lurana Home at Graymoor in 1974. I cooked for the Sisters and women who, at that time, lived there."

Sr. Lucille offered her time and talents generously to others during her many years as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement. During many of those years, she ministered to people through the gift of cooking, visiting the sick and elderly, and sharing joyful moments with her marvelous laugh and grand smile. She had a gift for doing embroidery, and around the time of her 90th birthday, she completed a needlepoint work of art. She was so happy with her accomplishment, and so were all the Sisters and friends who saw it. It was truly beautiful and a great attribute to the talent that Sister shared with others.

