



## Janet Gihl

May 8, 1930 - December 27, 2015

Janet Gihl of Corvallis passed away at Timberwood Court Memory Care in Albany on Dec. 27. Prior to going to Timberwood, Janet resided briefly at The Caring Place in Corvallis, where in earlier years she led a weekly faith sharing group much enjoyed by the residents.

She dedicated her life to serving God and the Catholic Church. Janet was given the name Elizabeth Jane (affectionately called Betty Jane by her mother) when born to parents Helen and Steve Gihl in Chicago. She entered the Sisters of Charity BVM in Dubuque, Iowa, in February of 1948, and was given the name Sister Mary Jacinta. In her later life, she chose to be called Janet.

While in the Sisters of Charity BVM, Janet served in Iowa, Missouri, California, Illinois, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Janet loved teaching elementary school while she was a nun. In 1988 she moved to Corvallis to work at St. Mary's where she led various Adult Education programs, including the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program, baptismal preparation and marriage preparation.

Janet earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1965 from San Diego College for Women, a Master of Arts in 1971 from Northwestern University, and a Master of Arts in 1978 from Mundelein College.

Janet loved her pets, her books, baking, and her home. She worked endlessly in her garden, constantly planting and weeding, tending the birdfeeders, and watching the birds in her yard. She was knowledgeable about anything current, was an avid reader, and was passionate about discussing politics, religion, and Pope Francis.

A rosary service will be Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at McHenry's Funeral Home in Corvallis. The casket will be open one hour prior to the rosary. A funeral service will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m.