



We commend to your charity the soul of our beloved

Sr. Loretta Jean Schorr

Who departed this life on August 19, 2026

In the seventy-first year of her religious life

Birthdate: September 21, 1939 Age: 86 years, 10 months and 30 days

It is with heavy hearts that we must bid farewell to our Sister Loretta Jean Schorr.

Baptized Carol Mae Schorr in September 1939 at St. Joseph's Church in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, she was the youngest daughter of Loretta (nee Eckert) and Victor Schorr's six children. Her siblings Eleanor, Alma, Mary, Charles, Dorothy must have enjoyed doting on little Carol Mae. She now joins her parents and all of her siblings in eternal life.

On September 11, 1955, Carol entered the Sisters of Divine Providence, just shy of her sixteenth birthday. It must have been a special moment when she then received the name of her mother, Loretta, and would be known as Loretta Jean for the seventy-one years of her religious life.

Loretta Jean recalled that one of her favorite memories from childhood was knowing the Sisters of Divine Providence. When asked about a favorite memory of her life as a Sister, her answer was just as simple: being one. She stated that she was inspired to enter the community because of the dedication and joyfulness she saw in the Sisters she knew.

Over the years, Loretta Jean served others in many ways, including elementary and religious education, parish ministry, ministry to members of the military, lay formation, retreat work, and outreach to people in need in two different soup kitchens.

One of her later ministries was with Sister Kathleen Angel at Jubilee Kitchen in Pittsburgh. Sister Kathleen remembers her friend in ministry this way: "All of her life she served the poor. She did the social work [at Jubilee Kitchen] and everyone there really loved her. During Covid, Loretta Jean stood at the door and gave out food to everyone who came."

That ministry did not end when Loretta Jean left Jubilee Kitchen. The sandwich-making ministry she helped foster continues today among the Sisters living at The Commons at Providence Heights—a simple, practical legacy that seems especially Sister Loretta Jean's personality and style.

With all that Sister Loretta Jean did in her life, she asked for this quotation to be included in her funeral mass. *From Wherever You Go* (Weston Priory):

When the time of our particular sunset comes, our thing, our accomplishment, won't really matter a great deal. But the clarity and care with which we have loved others will speak with vitality of the great gift of life we have been for each other."

These words speak to the way Sister Loretta Jean understood herself and her life. She was consistently able to work for the good because she knew God was with her. Her friend and classmate, Sister Nancy Schnur, echoed this sentiment, stating that Loretta Jean was "...close to the Lord."

In her funeral plans, she concluded by saying,

“Thanks to all who will be present. Blessings and love, Loretta Jean.”

And so we simply say in return, thank you Loretta Jean for your years of service, your care for the needy, and your presence with us and all who you met along the way. While we know you are enjoying the fullness of God’s Providence, you will most assuredly be missed!

Sister Judy Connor