

## **Sister Mary Ann Fessler, OSB, 80**

**March 2, 1934 - Aug. 21, 2014**

**ATCHISON, KS** — Sister Mary Ann Fessler, OSB, 80, a Benedictine sister of Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS, died Thursday, August 21, 2014, at the monastery.

The vigil service was Sunday, August 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the monastery chapel, and the Mass of Resurrection was celebrated there Monday, August 25, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be sent to Mount St. Scholastica or made online at the Mount's website: [www.mountosb.org](http://www.mountosb.org).

Sister Mary Ann Fessler was the youngest of nine children born in Wien, MO to Anthony and Anna Palms Fessler on March 2, 1934. After graduating from Bucklin High School in Bucklin, MO in 1952, she entered the Mount community the next year. She made her monastic profession in 1954. With a BA in education from Mount St. Scholastica College, she taught in elementary schools in Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado from 1954-79. From 1980-2000, she was a teacher at St. Mary's Regional School in Panama. She was a founding member of Covenant Monastery in Harlan, a foundation of the Atchison Benedictines, where she was oblate director and did pastoral ministry. After returning to the Mount community in 2005, she performed varied ministries at the monastery until her illness.

Sister Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Anna (Palms) Fessler, and by her brothers, Lawrence, Andrew, Clarence, Leo, Virgil and Wilfred. Sister Mary Ann is survived by her sister, Genevieve McGraw, and by nieces, nephews, and her monastic family.

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