



St. Anne Province Center  
Melbourne, Kentucky  
August 15, 2020

**SISTER HELEN LOUISE BARTLETT**  
was called into eternal life.

Born July 15, 1931 in Newport, Kentucky, Sr. Helen Louise Bartlett entered eternal life on August 14, 2020 at Holy Family Home. She was eighty-nine years old and in her 70<sup>th</sup> year as a professed member of the Congregation of Divine Providence.

Joyce Helen was the oldest of six children born to Louis and Helen Bartlett. She is preceded in death by her sister Janet Ampfer. She is survived by her brother Louis, her sisters Joan Miller, Jackie Darpel, and Jean Bartlett and nieces and nephews.

Sr. Helen Louise became acquainted with the Sisters of Divine Providence during her grade school days at St. Francis de Sales School in Newport. She felt the influence of each of the sisters, but especially of Sr. Mary Herman Hicks and Sr. Charlotte Grau. Sister spent time with the sisters as she helped clean up at the end of the school day. When she was in the fifth grade, Sr. Helen Louise joined the choir and was a faithful member until her senior year in high school. The idea of religious life began to interest her when she was in junior high and visited St. Anne Convent in Melbourne on several occasions. Sister continued under the influence and encouragement of the Sisters of Divine Providence at Our Lady of Providence Academy. In her senior year with the blessing of her parents, Sr. Helen Louise responded to the call to serve God by helping and spreading God's Word to children. She entered St. Anne Convent on December 28, 1948. She made her first profession of vows on August 29, 1950 and final vows on August 29, 1955.

Deeply interested in promoting Catholic education, Sr. Helen Louise was well prepared for her career as an elementary teacher. She obtained her A.B. degree from Villa Madonna College (now Thomas More University) and her M.Ed. from Xavier University with a concentration as a Reading Specialist.

In her reflections Sr. Helen Louise noted that all her assignments were happy ones. Among her most rewarding experiences were teaching children about God and assisting them with their reading and math difficulties. She began this ministry in Ohio at St. Aloysius School in Elmwood Place from 1950 to 1965 and at Assumption School in Mt. Healthy from 1965 to 1976. In Kentucky she taught at St. Edward School in Cynthiana from 1976 to 1978, Corpus Christi School in Newport from 1978 to 1984, Holy Spirit School in Newport from 1984 to 1986, and Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville from 1986 to 1989.

Sr. Helen Louise's final assignments were in Melbourne where she wore many hats from 1989 to 2014. At St. Philip School she tutored small children, served as librarian, and was a part-time secretary. At St. Anne Convent she was the assistant librarian and at Holy Family Home she worked in community service.

Influenced by the example of Sr. Mary Mathilda Stein, Sr. Helen Louise was a very prayerful, dedicated religious. She was a good team member who was reliable, devoted to detail, and faithfully committed to all her responsibilities. Sister was a gentle, pleasant person with a ready smile and a quick wit. She was an avid Bingo player with a lot of luck. She generously shared her many prizes with the staff.

Sr. Helen Louise saw herself as a behind-the-scenes person, willing to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed. This included listening to anyone who needed to be listened to. She had a great respect for all people and gave good example to all who knew her.

In thanksgiving for our dear Sr. Helen Louise and for her witness as a loving, joyful woman of Providence and as a woman of prayer, compassion, and loving service throughout her religious life, let us entrust her to the care of our Provident God.

United in God's gracious Providence,

Sister Barbara Patrick, CDP for  
Sister Barbara Rohe, CDP, Provincial

Due to the coronavirus, there will be no wake or visitation. The Mass and burial will be private.

Mass of Christian Burial: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Immaculate Conception Chapel, Melbourne

Burial in the Convent Cemetery, Melbourne, Kentucky