



St. Anne Province Center
Melbourne, Kentucky
June 5, 2026

SISTER GEORGIANNA ABPLANALP
was called into eternal life.

Born May 14, 1943, in Dayton, Kentucky, Sr. Georgianna Abplanalp entered eternal life on June 2, 2026, at Holy Family Home. She was eighty-three years old and a professed member of the Congregation of Divine Providence for sixty-two years.

Georgianna was the second of five children born to Raymond and Martha Abplanalp. She is preceded in death by her brothers Robert and Theodore. She is survived by her brother Nicholas (Mary), her sister Sandra Bryant, her sisters-in-law Cathy and Dee, and nieces and nephews.

Sr. Georgianna grew up in a loving, close knit family in Newport, Kentucky. She attended Park Avenue School and Newport Junior High School. Between the seventh and eighth grades, she was baptized into the Catholic faith and entered the eighth grade at St. Stephen School. Sr. Georgianna became acquainted with the Sisters of Divine Providence when she attended high school at Our Lady of Providence Academy. Over those four years, she got to know the CDPs as teachers and as persons outside the classroom since she worked at the Academy before and after school and during the summer to help pay for her tuition. Sr. Georgianna was deeply impressed by the sisters' inner peace and joy. Under the guidance of Sr. Mary Agnes (Rita) Kelly, she learned about religious life and felt the stirrings of her vocation. After much prayer and discernment, Sr. Georgianna entered St. Anne Convent on August 15, 1961. She made her first profession of vows on August 29, 1963, and final vows on August 29, 1968.

Sr. Georgianna devoted herself to a variety of ministries. Her professional preparation included an A.B. degree in education from Thomas More College (now University) and an M.Ed. from Xavier University. Sister completed studies in computer at the University of Vermont, in gifted education at Lamar University in Texas, and in accounting at Northern Kentucky University. She also attended many other courses, workshops, and programs.

Sr. Georgianna was a gifted and very creative teacher who was very well liked by her students. She began her teaching career in 1964 at St. Agatha Academy in Winchester, Kentucky. In 1966 she taught at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Takoma Park, Maryland until 1969. For the next thirty-nine years, Sister served the parish of St. John the Baptist in Dry Ridge, Ohio. She began as an elementary teacher and then a junior high teacher. She taught the gifted program, art, and computer technology. She was a co-director of religious education (DRE). Sr. Georgianna served on the Parish Council, the Education Commission, and the Worship Commission. She was a music minister and played the guitar in a music group.

In 1994, Sr. Georgianna began part-time work in the Finance Office at St. Anne Convent and then full time in 1996 until her retirement in 2025. During these years, Sister also spent a year in

the Home Tutor program for the NW Local School District in Cincinnati, Ohio and six years as an Adjunct Instructor in the Education Department at Mt. St. Joseph College. Because of serious health issues, Sr. Georgianna moved to Holy Family Home in 2008 and then to the Health Care Center in September, 2025.

In August of 2009, Sister suffered a heart attack and kidney failure. She had to go on dialysis which gave her the opportunity to minister to the staff and the other patients in the clinic. In Holy Family Home, she broadened her mission to include the sisters there. She delighted in planning all kinds of parties for them: cheese parties, Christmas parties, block parties, and “just because” parties. She had clever ideas and was talented in all areas and in creating special gifts from scraps.

Sr. Georgianna loved people and enjoyed life. She was a strong woman with a fierce determination to live. She was generous with her time and talents and always willing to help others. Sister was an inspiring example of love, patience, and forgiveness. She was dedicated and joyful. Even in hard times, she always had a smile. In photography, she found peace, contentment, and a deeper appreciation of God’s hand in nature. She was an avid fan of college basketball, especially during March Madness. Shrimp at Red Lobster was one of her favorites. Each person who passed by her office was invited to dip into the ever-present candy jar on her desk.

In her reflections, Sr. Georgianna recognized God’s deep, loving, providential care for her as a constant thread woven throughout her life. God’s marvelous design for her began with the grace of her family which shaped her life and continued with the presence of the many people who had touched her life. She placed her destiny in God’s hands as the various chapters of her life opened and closed. When her trust in Providence was challenged, she relied on the prayers and support of others to help her along. Sr. Georgianna didn’t regret a moment of her life. As she waited for the next chapter to unfold, she prayed “May I please you and give you glory forever. Amen.”

In thanksgiving for our dear Sr. Georgianna 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

Wake Service and Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Chapel, Melbourne

Burial in the Convent Cemetery, Melbourne, Kentucky