

# Sister Alice Rademacher, OP



Born to Earthly Life on November 13, 1936

First Profession on August 15, 1957

Entered Eternal Life on July 17, 2023

**Alice Rose Rademacher** was born on November 13, 1936 in Fowler, Michigan to her parents Leonard and Barbara. She was the third oldest of ten children and from a young age she believed that God was calling her to be a Sister and a teacher. She attended Catholic school where she was taught by

Racine Dominicans, many of whom had a profound influence on her. She made her first profession on August 15, 1957 and her final vows on August 15, 1963, and was given the name S. Barbara Ann.

She received a Bachelor's Degree from Dominican College and a Master's Degree from the College of Racine, both located in Racine, Wisconsin.

Her ministry began in education, where she dedicated more than 32 years teaching in schools throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, New Mexico and Tennessee, including Holy Name and Sacred Heart in Racine. She was also a principal for several years. S. Alice treasured her years in education, saying, "I loved teaching to the very last day. The excitement when the kids caught onto a new concept was energizing!"

S. Alice began to feel a pull towards healthcare, and after doing some volunteer work in that area, knew that she was being called to a new ministry. She went back to school and received an LPN degree from Gateway Technical College in Racine. She ministered at St. Catherine's Infirmary and Lakeshore Manor in Racine, St. Joseph Home in Kenosha and the Health Care Center at Siena until 2020. She often said that working in healthcare "is simply being a reassuring presence for a person at a difficult time."

S. Alice was also deeply committed to local justice efforts in the community. She was part of the Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice and Racine Interfaith Coalition. S. Alice organized speakers on justice topics, planned rallies and marches, often wrote thoughtful letters to the editor in the Racine Journal Times and many remember the great white peace dove that she made for the Racine Fourth of July parade. When it came to matters of justice and peace, she said, "there are times when just talking isn't enough. Your whole person has to be involved, not just your thoughts and words."

Alice was always a source of light and joy for so many. She decided to go to clown school to learn how to be a clown. She enjoyed making people laugh and be happy when she dressed the part for various occasions.

We thank God for the life of S. Alice and for the impact she made through teaching, healthcare and advocacy. Her commitment to being of service to God's people through prayer and ministry is an inspiration to all of us.

