



*Rosemary Hetzel, S.D.S.*

*Date of Birth*            *November 19, 1928*  
*Date of Commitment*    *May 22, 1994*  
*Date of Death*            *October 11, 2017*

*Rosemary Hetzel was born in Milwaukee, WI on November 19, 1928 to Marie Meuer Hetzel and Lawrence Hetzel. She was not given a middle name. She is survived by 3 siblings: Mary Joan Dally of Milwaukee, Kathleen Blackburn of Milwaukee, and Howard Hetzel of Jackson, Wisconsin. The family always lived at 6624 W. Girard, Milwaukee, just down the street from Mother of Good Counsel Church, where the Hetzels were parishioners. Rosemary's father was a mailman and her mother stayed home to care for the children and the household.*

*Rosemary attended Mother of Good Counsel School for the elementary grades. She then went to Steuben Junior High School for two years, followed by Washington High School. Before the beginning of her senior year of high school, at the age of 17, in 1945, Rosemary entered the Sisters of the Divine Savior, at St. Mary's Convent at 35<sup>th</sup> and Center Sts., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

*During her youth Rosemary was very interested in music. Her home life was good and was filled with lots of singing, with her mother and father playing the piano and violin respectively. In school Rosemary loved singing and was active in the drama department, having parts in the school plays. Other interests of hers included playing games outside. Additional activities Rosemary loved included ice skating, and playing baseball and tennis. She hated to lose!*

*Rosemary finished her high school education at Divine Savior Convent High School. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Divine Savior in 1946, receiving the name Sister Lawrencine. She made her first profession of vows in 1947 and final vows in 1953. She attended Mount Mary College, Alverno College and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, as well as St. Catherine's College in St. Paul, Minnesota.*

*While in the convent, Rosemary (Sister Lawrencine) taught in several parish elementary schools in Wisconsin. She was also the Director of Activities at St. Mary's Nursing Home, Milwaukee, as well as a switchboard operator at St. Mary's Convent, Milwaukee. Rosemary left the Salvatorian Sisters community in 1982, when she went to care for her elderly parents who could no longer live in their home without help.*

*Her Lay Salvatorian journey began through her relationship with Sister Maureen Hopkins, SDS, who was Rosemary's friend and a strong supporter of the Lay Salvatorians. Rosemary made her commitment as a Lay Salvatorian on May 22, 1994, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

*For several decades Rosemary's ministries included volunteering at St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus, where she was a Vigil Keeper and also served as a Eucharistic Minister. Rosemary also volunteered at Mother of Good Counsel parish, where she was a parishioner and where she sang in the church choir. For many years she was a member of the Bel Canto Choir and was privileged to go to Rome with the Bel Canto Choir to sing for the Pope.*

*Rosemary Hetzel became a resident of St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus on October 8, 2007 when she moved into an apartment there to receive some assistance with the daily activities of life. There, she organized a group of residents who gathered together daily to recite the rosary. She appreciated being able to attend daily Mass and to visit some of the Salvatorian Sisters who were her friends. She continued her love for playing games, bingo being her favorite! Rosemary enjoyed almost any social gathering. She loved people, music, dance and just seeing people having a good time.*

*A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus Chapel. Please keep Rosemary and her family in your prayers.*

