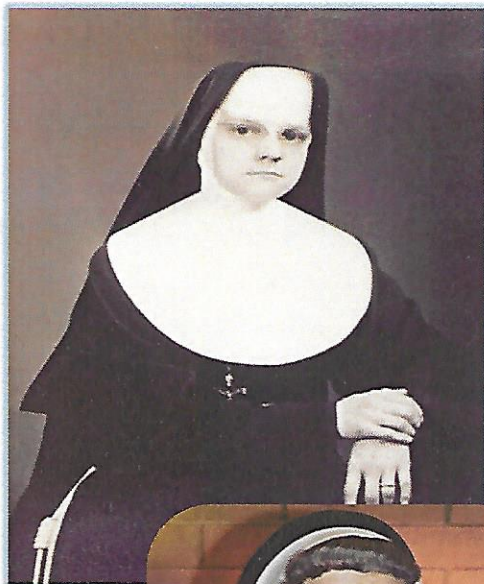


# *Sister M. Georgene Utaris, OSF*

## *February 23, 1915 – December 13, 2014*



**Secular Name:** Violet  
**Entrance:** July 13, 1931  
**Birth:** Shenandoah, PA  
**Parents:** Thomas and Veronica Utaris  
**Siblings:** Anna, Nell, Elizabeth, Thomas, Phyllis  
Verna, Violet  
**Elementary School:** Shenandoah Public School  
**High School:** St. Francis Academy, Pittsburgh, PA  
**Higher Education:** B.A. Education, Duquesne

### **Ministry:**

Sister Georgene spent 38 years teaching in various parish elementary schools staffed by our community, with her longest tenure, 12 years, at St. George in Philadelphia. Additional assignments included parish schools in New York, Connecticut, Michigan and Wisconsin. Sister Georgene is especially remembered for her creative talent often displayed in her classroom art as well as in her many paintings that decorated the Motherhouse interior.

After teaching, Sister Georgene became a patient visitor at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL. This was followed by a period in the Motherhouse as an infirmiry aide to our older sisters. Later, she was active as an assistant in the Archives department while still finding time to work as a receptionist.

Eventually, time and ill health forced Sister Georgene into a less active role as a Minister of Prayer. Even then, she continued to use her artistic skills for several years to produce pieces of art that were sold in the Motherhouse's gift shop.

Sister Georgene chose three words to describe herself on her 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee: *Happy*, having reached a state of joy in her senior years; *Grateful* to God and her community for her life as a woman religious; and *Prayerful*, as she looked forward to days filled with prayer for her community and those who asked for prayers.

*Happy...Grateful...Prayerful...*