

# Sister Marie Jane

## Quiet and Faithful

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Dear Sisters, Associates, Family Members and Friends,

It was during breakfast on Monday, December 2, 2002 in the small dining room of Holy Family Health Care Center at Victory Noll that Sister Marie Jane Chettle quietly and suddenly slipped into the fullness of God's love for her in death. The efforts of the nursing staff were to no avail. She now received the reward for her 94 years of faithfulness to God, to the Victory Noll Community, to her family, and to the many people to whom she ministered.

Sister was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 22, 1908 to Charles E. Chettle and Albertine Obert Chettle. Thirty years later on August 31, 1938 she left St. Louis for Victory Noll. After her First Profession in 1941 she traveled to Bingham Canyon, Utah to do Catechetical Ministry.

The story is told that one day while teaching children in Ginkeyville, Utah, a town "on the other side of the big copper pit" where machinery was made for workers to go down into the pit, Sister was teaching her class of fifth graders. One of her students looked at her with appealing eyes asking to enjoy a little more fun and said, "Before you came to teach us, we didn't even know where the Catholic Church was!" This incident is evidence of Sister Marie Jane's true Victory Noll spirit of bringing God's love to others so that they, too, may have a fullness of God's love.

Sister's Final Vows in 1947 were pronounced in Ely, Nevada where she was missioned from 1943 to 1947 doing catechetical and parish secretarial ministries. After leaving Ely, Sister did the work of receptionist, secretary, and bursar at the Guadalupe Clinic in San Diego, California from 1948 through 1960. When the staff of this clinic relocated to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Clinic in Tucson, Arizona in 1961, Sister was also transferred there. In 1963 her secretarial skills were needed at Victory Noll where she ministered full time until 1987 and part time until 1999, then retiring full time.

Sister Marie Jane's Vigil Service was held the evening of Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>. While Sister is survived by two brothers, Alvin Chettle of Dunedin, Florida and Charles Chettle of Rock Hill, Missouri, neither were able to come for the funeral. Sister is preceded in death by two brothers, Emerich Chettle and Kenneth Chettle and one sister, Vilma Chettle Duvall.

It is a special tribute to Sister Marie Jane when people say that her gentle, gracious and quiet manner "blended" into every situation. Perhaps this was because "she believed in God's Love for her and was open to God's graces" as Father Thomas Fahey stated during the Funeral Mass. May she now "blend" into her New Life of God's Love in Heaven.

In God's peace, joy, love,



Sister Dolores Tringl  
General Secretary  
Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters