



**Rose Annette Liddell**  
**January 14, 1929 – March 31, 2011**

Born in January 14, 1929, Rose Annette Liddell attended Sacred Heart School in Atlanta, Georgia, then moved to Bethlehem Academy in St. John, Kentucky, and later studied at Loretto Academy in Kansas City, Missouri.

On October 24, 1946, Rose Annette arrived at Loretto and pronounced first vows on April 25, 1949. Rose Annette's first assignment was at Broadway (Loretto High) in Louisville teaching music. She also taught music at her second mission, St. Vincent de Paul in Denver. From there she was assigned to Webster College to study. From 1956 to 1961 she taught at St. Catherine and St. Rose in St. Louis and at St. Ann's in Normandy, Missouri. She received her BA in Music Education from Webster College and returned to Webster as an assistant music professor. While there, Rose Annette developed the Orff Schulwerk music method at the College School. She earned her MA in Music Education from DePaul University in Chicago in 1964, and attended Ohio State for Ph.D. studies.

In 1971, Rose Annette became part of the Loretto Community and Faith staff. Always ready for an adventure, in 1974 she began Knobs Haven and in 1976

joined the Third World Project and lived in Thailand, visiting Bangladesh, Hong Kong, and Japan. In 1977 Rose Annette went to northern New Mexico as a member of a parish ministry team.

In 1980 Rosie spent a year in solitude at Cedars of Peace and Gravel Switch, Kentucky. This was followed by two years in Jerusalem working with the Center for Interfaith Understanding. Rose Annette returned to the U.S. and again joined the Loretto staff where she started the Loretto Tape Library and edited *The Occasional Review*. In 1987 she studied with Shalom Institute for Spiritual Formation and began doing spiritual guidance full time. For five years, 1986-91, Rose Annette directed the 30-day retreat at St. Gertrude Monastery in Idaho. She also worked in northern Ghana at a retreat center for three months in 1990.

In 1992, Mary Luke Tobin asked Rosie to become Director of the Thomas Merton Center in Denver while continuing her spiritual guidance work. In 1997 she visited Tich Nhat Hanh's monastery in France, as well as the monastery of Taize. Rose Annette also continued spiritual guidance through 2010. She was truly a woman who was passionate about learning about the culture and meeting the people all over the world and always with a twinkle in her eye and a song on her lips.

Rose Annette wanted to be buried at the Motherhouse. She arrived at Loretto on March 30 and died on March 31. She requested to be buried in the same space as her aunt Evangelista Bindewald.

Rose Annette we are grateful for the gift you were to Loretto — bringing music and *joie de vive* with you everywhere you went. We know you are singing and playing the flute and harp right next to Evangelista! God bless you!