



## **Sister Jamesine Riley – 70 Years**

“When I was 12 years old, I experienced the death of an older brother who was 24. This profoundly affected me, leading me to contemplate the fragility of life and ultimately to think about how I was going to spend my life,” says Sister Jamesine Riley. “In doing this I was greatly influenced by the values my parents instilled in me, values of faith, honesty, fidelity and love. Then, during my early years as a student, I was impressed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. They were wonderful models for me and I grew in my desire to choose a life such as theirs, totally dedicated to God and others. I followed the call to respond to this desire 70 years ago.

“Through a variety of ministries during these years, I always felt privileged to share in the lives of all who came into my daily life. Also, living in community with others who share the same mission and God-centered lives enriches me as a woman religious, especially as a Sister of Saint Joseph.

“All my years in religious life have been happy ones – no regrets. I faced enormous challenges, in my ministerial life and in my personal life, but God is and always has been my rock and strength. The love and support of my Sisters and friends is a constant reminder of God’s love for me. It is impossible to have words to express my gratitude for all the blessings of these years.”