

SR. ROSE MARIE WILSON, OSF



Age 96, passed away on December 6, 2023 at UPMC Passavant Hospital. Sr. Rose Marie Wilson was the daughter of the late Lester and Blanche Wilson. Sister of the late Vincent Charles, John Lester, Robert Regis (survived by Ruth May), Monica Ruth Krebs, Helene Blanche Wilson and Rita Ann Shipley. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In 1945, Sister Rose Marie Wilson entered the Millvale Franciscans after having been taught by the Sisters at St. Felix School in Freedom, PA and Mount Alvernia High School. After completing her studies at Duquesne University, Rose Marie taught at the junior high and high school levels in Pittsburgh and Geistown.



She earned a Master's degree in library science, served as librarian in several schools, and as Executive Secretary of the Catholic Library Association in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for five years. In 1973, Sister was honored by being included in the "Who's Who of American Women." After earning Certification in Secondary School Administration, she was Principal of Mount Alvernia High School from 1974-1984. Then for 27 years ministered at Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary Diocesan High School in Montebello, CA as English teacher and Vice Principal 1986-1999, and as Library Director (1999-2012). Sister retired to Mt. Alvernia and embraced an office, a computer and served as a "Girl Friday" in assisting other sisters and employees. Sister Rose Marie recalls the day of her Profession as a Millvale Franciscan as the most memorable day of her life. She found great joy in working with young people and enjoyed visiting new places, writing poetry and preparing photo albums. In gratitude for her Franciscan vocation, Sister once remarked, "As I muse over these many years, I am in awe of God's goodness and generosity. What a journey! God has blessed me with a deepening love of Francis and Clare, a loving supportive Community, and myriads of friends and co-workers who have enriched my life with quiet lessons of love, companionship, prayer, humor, generosity, and inspiration."

Visitation will be at St. Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090 on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Interment at Mount Alvernia Cemetery. Her service will be live streamed using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/QtBBm11RPkI?si=30WI2D358cQ56rac>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the: Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 208, Liverpool, NY 13088.

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