

SISTER M. JOYCE (HELEN MARGARET MARY) BURKHART, O.S.F.



Sister M. Joyce, a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis, United States Province, died on January 30, 2024, at Mt. Assisi Place in Pittsburgh, PA. She was 85, and in her 67th year of religious profession.

Sister entered the community from St. Gabriel Parish in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1955 and professed her first vows in 1956 at Mount Assisi Convent Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA. She earned a bachelor of

science degree in education from Mt. Mercy College, now Carlow University. Sister continued her education and obtained a master of science degree in education from Duquesne University.

Sister Joyce taught the elementary grades in various schools in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Sister was also involved in parish ministry as a Coordinator of Religious Education in Pennsylvania and Texas. Sister Joyce served in Elder Care in New Jersey and at Marian Hall Home, now Mt. Assisi Place. She also assisted with Mt. Assisi Academy Preschool and served as local minister and sacristan at Mt. Assisi Convent. Her final years were spent as a faithful participant in prayer ministry at Mt. Assisi Place and assisting with community service as her health permitted.

Sister Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvester and Helen (McCormack) Burkhardt, brothers, Peter and Ralph, and sister, Grace Lennon. She is survived by her religious community, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Monday, February 5, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Angels Chapel at Mt. Assisi Place, 934 Forest Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Arrangements have been made by **LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Pittsburgh, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the School Sisters of St. Francis Retirement Fund, 4900 Perry Highway, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

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