

# **SISTER MARY LEAH KRAUTH, OSF**

February 27, 1934-October 24, 2024



Passed away on October 24, 2024, at North Hills Nursing and Rehab Center. She was the daughter of deceased Norman Fred Krauth and Henrietta V. (Hopper) Krauth. She was predeceased by seven of her siblings, Robert, Norman, Margaret, Virginia, Richard, William and David. She is survived by her brother, Tom (Linda); sister, Mary Ann Rome (James); and sisters-in-law, Bertha and Patricia;

and other family members.



Sister Mary Leah entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale in 1953 from St. Conrad Parish, Meridian, PA. She received a Bachelors in Education in 1968 and she received her Master's Degree in 1972, both from Duquesne University. She later obtained a certificate from St. Louis University

(1978) from the Institute of Religious Formation. Sister Mary Leah taught in both middle and high school from 1956-1975 in Pittsburgh area schools, including Bishop McCort High School (Johnstown) and Mt. Alvernia High School, where she was a math teacher. In the 1980s, she was on the Community Formation team and for a year was Director of the Spiritual Life Center at Mt Alvernia. Music was a special part of her life over many years, her presence sang of the music in her heart. From 1992-2007, Sister Mary Leah was Associate Director at St. Columban Center in Derby, NV, a ministry she dearly loved.

She said that she and others at the retreat center strove to provide "a home away from home" for people so "they can be at home with God." Sister Mary Leah returned to Millvale, Motherhouse of the Sisters of St Francis, in 2007, and she kept active in her ministry of education as she volunteered for the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council and was actively involved in the pre-Associate Program for those wanting to be connected in a special way with the Community.

In 2019, Sister Mary Leah moved to The Waters of Wexford with her Franciscan Sisters. She frequented the chapel, continuing her love for prayer, and she loved to walk all over the building, greeting residents and staff with her special presence. The Sisters of St. Francis are grateful to The Waters of Wexford staff for their loving support and most recently, to North Hills Nursing and Rehab, for their care for Sister Mary Leah. She was in rehab to learn to walk again after recent surgery; she is now walking with the Lord. In 2001, she said "I hope I never forget to be grateful for life and all that it holds." She never forgot, and we are grateful for Sister Mary Leah and all that she has been and will continue to be for our Franciscan Community, and for all those who love her.

Viewing will be held on Monday, October 28, at St. Aidan Parish, St. Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford, from 10:30 a.m., until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Mt. Alvernia Cemetery. 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. Please see live stream for services at <https://www.youtube.com/live/xSAuczbb4E>.

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