

SISTER MARY ANN REIS



Sister Mary Ann Reis (Sister M. Genevieve) passed away on December 15, 2024, at The Waters of Wexford. She was predeceased by her parents, Wilson Carl Reis and Mary Carolyn Westbeld Reis; and sisters, Rosalie Grehofsky (Ray) and Nancy Franz. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Bob Franz; her sister, Joan Becker; and brother-in-law, Neil Becker; along with many nieces and nephews. Sister Pat Wall,

CSJP, in NJ, is a special friend, with whom she lived and ministered for years in Bayonne and Fair Lawn, NJ. Sister Pat visited her many times at The Waters, making the long trip from New Jersey.

Born in Lima, OH, Sister Mary Ann entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale (now Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities) on July 16, 1949, from St. Wendelin Parish in Carrick, PA.

Sister Mary Ann obtained an MA degree in Spanish and Latin from Mount Mercy (Carlow University), an MA from Notre Dame, and State and Diocesan Certification in Teaching and Administration. Over the years, she attended numerous workshops in Spirituality and Theology.

She was a teacher, principal, Formation Director for Sisters, as well as a senior facility co-manager. Among her places of ministry were Hilltop Catholic High School and Mt. Alvernia High School in Pittsburgh.

In recent years, Sister Mary Ann, in her nineties, still enjoyed her family connections, doing facetime with Sister Pat from NJ, going for a walk (or ride) outside, and playing Bingo. She particularly cherished visits from Joan and Neil, and other family members.

Of her years in NJ, Sister Mary Ann said, "I believe my ministry is one of serving the poor in the true Franciscan ideal of poverty." She continued this belief in all of her ministries. In her travels, including a pilgrimage to Assisi, which she won, she followed the motto on a small plaque in her room, "Take nothing for the journey" (from Luke 9). But she did take something; her wonderful self, a Franciscan woman filled with energy, joy, peace and compassion. She loved to laugh, and she lived her life to the full. And that life continues in her new journey.

Special thanks to Staff at The Waters of Wexford, as well as Bethany Hospice, who cared so lovingly for Sister Mary Ann.

Viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at St Aidan Parish, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford, at 10:30 am, until the time of the funeral Mass, at 11:00 am. 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. Livestream available

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