



Sr. Florence J. Figura

May 18, 1928 - April 12, 2020

Sr. Mary Rose of the Holy Spirit, O.P., a.k.a. Sr. Florence J. Figura, O.P., 91, died peacefully on Easter Sunday evening, April 12, 2020; almost a year after being diagnosed with leukemia. Sister's parents, John and Viola (Plecha) Figura, as well as her blood sister, Irene Snary, predeceased her. In addition to her loving monastic community, Sr. Mary Rose is survived by first cousins, Sandra Witt, Richard Figura, Frank Figura, and Thomas Figura and their families.

Sister was born in Detroit, MI of Polish-American parents in 1928. Before she became a Cloistered Dominican Nun, Sr. Mary Rose was a registered nurse, and later became a nurse anesthetist, graduating from Grace Hospital School of Anesthesia on March 7, 1958. She made lifelong friends from her nursing days.

But then the Lord called her to the contemplative life in the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament then on Oakland Ave. in Detroit. Sr. Mary Rose entered the Monastery in August of 1960. Over the years, Sister filled many different positions in the community - to name a few: Infirmarian for 10 years, Novice Directress for 15 years, Prioress (Superior) for 6 years. Sr. Mary Rose served as Counselor for the Conference of Nuns USA from 2000-2004 and as Vice President of the Conference from 2004-2008.

In her later years, slowed down by macular degeneration and poor hearing, Sr. Mary Rose was able to devote more time to what she rightly said was always her primary duty - to pray for the world and the church. Sister kept a lively interest in all people - but especially those whom she knew and loved - until her last breath. She will be sorely missed. May she now rest in the peace and joy of her Lord.

Funeral Mass and burial will be private, due to the coronavirus crisis. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033