



Sr. Mary Joseph, O.P. ~ Helen Elizabeth Fox

April 28, 1931 - July 2, 2017

Sr. Mary Joseph, O.P., died peacefully July 2, 2017 at Beaumont Botsford Hospital. She was 86 and in the 66th year of her profession as a Cloistered Dominican Nun.

Sr. Mary Joseph (Helen Elizabeth Fox), was born April 28, 1931 in Detroit. She came to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament on January 6, 1950 in Detroit, and later relocated with her community to Farmington Hills. Besides her ministry of prayer, Sister served her community faithfully as the editor of the Echo Newsletter. In prior years, Sister served as Prioress in Farmington Hills and Summit, New Jersey, as well as assisted the Monastery in Albany, New York. She was the beloved daughter of the late John and Margaret (O'Brien) Fox; and loving sister of the late John (late Mary) Fox and Robert Fox.

Sr. Mary Joseph will lie in state at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 on Thursday, July 6, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the prayer service of Rosary and Compline at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, July 7, from 8:30 a.m. until shortly before Mass at 10:30 a.m., Fr. David Santoro, O.P., Monastery Chaplain, will preside at the Funeral Mass. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament Renovation Fund are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Wm. Sullivan & Son

Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament
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Rosary and Compline

JUL 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUL 7. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sister Mary Joseph was my father's baby sister. He was 12 years her senior, and passed away in 1998. They look very much a lot alike too.*

My family (Dad (John (Jack), Pauline, and my sisters, Susan and Laura) used to visit her monthly at the Detroit location. She moved to NY, and after return was at the Farmington location. We reinstated our monthly visits. My parents moved to Chicago, then Greenwich, CT after I went to college. I stayed at the University of Michigan until 1980. Our visits and letters continued over the years. I grew to love Sister more and more over the years. She was such a loving, caring and funny aunt. Last September I was honored to be able to spend over 24 hours with her. We had a lot of good conversations, some laughs, and just appreciated each other. I spent the night in the guest suite, shared mass and rosary with the sisters.

We said our good byes the next noon time. I think perhaps we knew it would be our last visit. But I planned to come back this fall to spend another wonderful day with her.

She has inspired me to be a better person, to love and appreciate family and God. She knew what it meant to dedicate her life to hard work, sacrifice and prayer. She supported us in all she did.

I will miss her, and I will remember all she helped me with over the years.

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