



Sr. Mary of Mercy Houle O.P.

September 19, 1926 - April 10, 2021

Sr. Mary of Mercy, O.P., "Sr. Irene M. Houle, O.P.", age 94, died peacefully, surrounded by her Community on Saturday, April 10, 2021. It was the evening preceding Divine Mercy Sunday. Sister's parents, James and Sadie (Porter) Houle, as well as her blood sister, Mary Rita (the late Thomas) Ruane and a niece, Irene Fuoco, predeceased her. Sr. Mary of Mercy is survived by a nephew, Thomas (Pam) Ruane II and first cousins, Mary Alice Enright and Nancy Callahan and many other loving relatives.

Sister was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 19, 1926. Growing up in Chicago, she never let the fact of her impaired vision get in the way of doing her best. Thus, she was able to obtain a four year scholarship to St. Xavier College. After graduation, she was finally able to fulfill her earlier dream of becoming a Cloistered Dominican Nun.

Sister entered the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, Michigan on October 3, 1948. During the next 72 years, Sister would experience many changes; including the moving of the Community from the location on Oakland Ave., Detroit, to the new location in Farmington Hills in 1966. Sister ably performed many assignments during her life. She served as the Community's Prioress for many years, having been elected to lead the Community for four terms. Sr. Mary of Mercy also served as Novice Mistress, Sacristan and Liturgical Directress.

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 will be at 11 am, Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, will be gratefully accepted by the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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29575 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334