



Sr. Johanna A. Murphy SSCM

March 21, 1913 - December 15, 2016

Sister Johanna Murphy, age 103, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. She was born March 21, 1913 to Robert and Josephine (nee Schumacker) Murphy in Chicago, Illinois. Sister attended Senn High School in Chicago graduating in 1932. She received her Bachelors in Education from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee in 1951 and her Masters in Education from Loyola University in Chicago in 1954. She received Teachers' Certificates for Elementary and High School and Lifetime Supervisory Certificates for Elementary and High School, as well.

From 1936 to 1982, Sister Johanna devoted her life to teaching. She taught at Our Lady Academy in Manteno, Illinois from 1936 to 1959. At St. Patrick Academy in Momence, Illinois, she served as principal from 1959 to 1964. She returned to Manteno for three years and then moved to Geneva, Illinois, serving as both teacher and principal at St. Peter School from 1967-1975.

In 1975, Sister Johanna moved to Kankakee teaching and serving as principal until moving to Brooklyn Center Minnesota in 1982. In 1984, she returned to Kankakee and served as Superior of her community, Provincial Councilor and Coordinator of St. Laurence Parish. In 1993, she "retired" and served as parish visitor for St. Joseph community.

In 2004, Sister moved to Batavia, Illinois, where she beautified the spacious

grounds with her gardening expertise. In 2010, she moved to Hopkins Park, Illinois, where she resided until March, 2016 when she moved to St. Mary's Community.

In the past few years, Sister Johanna celebrated two significant occasions. In March, 2013, an open house reception was held for her 100th birthday with all of her sisters, friends and family at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. She repeated it all again in August, 2016 when she celebrated her 80th Jubilee as a religious sister. Sister Johanna was so grateful and humbled by the number of friends and family who attended both of the events.

Visitation will be held 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel in Kankakee. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016 at the hospital chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12:00 Noon on Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Beaverville.

Memorials may be made to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

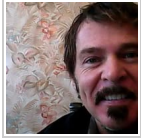
St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Funeral Mass

DEC 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall



“ *I was honored to have a private mass with sister at St Anne Catholic Church last summer GOD BLESSED YOU SISTER. mark casino*

Mark Douglas - December 22, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *I worked at St. Mary's Hospital for 30 years. I was privileged to know Sister Johanna -- & to share a birthday with her. I was at her 100th birthday celebration. Such a sweet, caring lady! She is now safe with our Lord!*

*Blessings,
Bonnie Matherly*

Bonnie Matherly - December 21, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sister was a very close friend and I treasure her friendship. May she rest in peace. We will keep her in our hearts, prayers and memories forever.*

*With love,
Eileen Springer and Eileen Springer Seales*

Eileen Seales - December 19, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sister was my mentor for 66 years. She was ALWAYS there for me. I shall miss her so much.*

Beverly June Fininis

Beverly June Fininis - December 18, 2016 at 11:39 AM

TB

“ *Such a sweet & loving person who will be missed by many. 💕*



Tim & Vickie Bertrand - December 17, 2016 at 07:14 PM

JP

“ *I was at mass with Sister Johanna on her 103rd birthday and she told me the secret to her long life was being blessed by God. She was such a warm and loving person. Always a smile. Truly an angel here on earth.*



Jodi Papineau - December 17, 2016 at 05:10 PM

TC

“ *Sr. Sebastian and Sr. Louis Marie were wonderful guides for me. She left Minnesota before I ever got here.
Thomas J. Cullinane, Minneapolis, MN OLA class of 1947*

Thojas J. Cullinane - December 17, 2016 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Sr. Johanna A. Murphy SSCM*



Christopher Wilcox - December 16, 2016 at 10:02 PM