



Sr. Martha Harrington sscm

August 13, 1936 - June 14, 2024

Sister Martha Harrington, sscm, was born in Charleston, Illinois on August 13, 1936, to William, Sr., and Helen (Driscoll) Harrington. She shared her birthdate with her twin William. Martha was raised in rural Coles County, Illinois where she attended CCD classes and first knew Catholic Sisters who taught her about Jesus. She attended Humboldt grade school and Mattoon high school. At Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Urbana, she met the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. She entered the convent in July 1962 and made profession of vows on February 2, 1965.

Sister Martha's ministry was divided in two. She worked as a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Urbana early in her career. From 1980 on she ministered as a certified chaplain, and for 34 of those years she served at Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home, Bourbonnais. There she touched the lives of hundreds of residents, family members and staff. A special concern was for staff. "I get a lot of credit for what they do," she once said. Sister loved and was greatly loved in return.

Sister Martha held a special devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. That saint's spirituality, called "The Little Way," consists of daily actions of hidden love and devotion. Knowing the joy and simplicity of Sister Martha's life, it is evident that she and St. Therese are "soul sisters" now together in heaven.

Sister Martha died as she lived – gently – on June 14, 2024. Special thanks go to the ER staff and the staff of 3 West at St. Mary Hospital and Uplifted

Care Hospice who cared for Sr. Martha in her last days.

Sister Martha was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Rosemary Whalen and her brother-in-law, Arthur Whalen. Surviving are her brothers, William and Daniel (Judy) Harrington, their families, her religious family, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, and many people she touched with her simple, loving heart.

Her wake will be held at Maternity BVM Church on Thursday, June 20, from 9:30 a.m. to before the Mass of resurrection at 11:00 a.m. A meal will immediately follow the Mass. Burial will be in the Sisters' cemetery, Beaverville, that afternoon.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Maternity BVM parish, Bourbonnais, and the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, 2041 West State Route 113, Kankakee, IL 60901.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ I worked with Sr Martha for 32 yrs at POLV she was my angel and good friend I will miss her and the phone calls. She is an angel in heaven now❤️

Sarah Bell - June 21, 2024 at 06:51 PM

JG

Agreed.

Joseph Giacchino - June 23, 2024 at 07:07 PM

JN

“ Jennifer N lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Jennifer N - June 19, 2024 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Christopher Wilcox - June 19, 2024 at 01:47 PM

AW

“ I met St Martha when I worked at OLOV in the 90's/ Became good friends. A beautiful person and now she is in heaven doing what she does best. She will be missed but I know she is happy.

Alice Wasson - June 19, 2024 at 10:17 AM

MR

“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm*



Monica Rocha - June 19, 2024 at 08:49 AM

MR

Sr. Martha was a true angel and always had a kind word for anyone she was talking too. She will be missed by all who knew her. RIP and fly with the angels

Monica Rocha - June 19, 2024 at 08:50 AM

MK

Sr. Martha was a special friend. Always had a smile and a kind word. Ralph worked with her on the board at OLOV. She will be missed. She is now in heaven making friends with the angels.

Maureen Kliest - June 19, 2024 at 09:30 PM

FC

All of us are born and all of us die; all we have is the tenderness in between. Meeting Sr Martha was to meet tenderness.

Fr Dan Lydon, CSV - June 29, 2024 at 11:40 PM

 Shontell Mitchell

“ *She was a true servant of God! Thank you!!*



Shontell Mitchell - June 18, 2024 at 07:52 PM

DP

“ *My prayers to the family.*

DJ Papineau - June 18, 2024 at 06:59 PM

CC

“ *My condolences to the family of Sr Martha. Sister did countless good works for all. She was a dear friend. May Sister Rest In Peace.*

Cindy Clemans - June 18, 2024 at 05:41 PM

LL

“ *Heaven has indeed gained another Angel. Sr. Martha was an angel on earth. She touched my life and heart, as she did many. I am ever so blessed or paths crossed on my journey. You will forever have a place in my heart.*



Loretta LaBrec - June 18, 2024 at 01:23 PM

FO

“ *I just learned recent of the passing of Sr. Martha Harrington, sscm. I will offer my prayers for her. She will be missed by her religious community, her family members and friends. Eternal rest grant unto her soul, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in peace. Amen.*



Fr. Edward Ohm - June 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM

LK

“ Rest in heaven, sweet friend. The hundreds of lives you touched by your ministry and friendship will remember you always ♡
My faith was strengthened by knowing you and having the privilege to work with you at OLV. I'm sure you were welcomed into Heaven with open arms and joyous celebration ♡

Loretta Krutsinger - June 18, 2024 at 04:13 AM

MJ

“ Marianne Jankowski lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Marianne Jankowski - June 17, 2024 at 07:45 PM

MJ

“ Mary Jo lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Mary Jo - June 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM

PM

“ Patrick McTaggart lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Patrick McTaggart - June 17, 2024 at 02:11 PM

JG

“ Joe Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Joe Giacchino - June 17, 2024 at 12:25 PM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Sr. Martha Harrington sscm



Tim and Connie Eaker - June 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM