



Sr. Rosemary Meyer SSCM

June 15, 1914 - March 26, 2015

Sr. Rosemary Meyer, SSCM, also known as Sr. Louis Marie, age 100, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Presence Our Lady of Victory in Bourbonnais. Sr. Rosemary was born June 15, 1914 in Elmwood, Indiana, the daughter of William P. & Mabel Broderick Meyer. The oldest, she had 2 sisters and one brother. Soon after her fourth birthday, the family moved to Danville, where she began her Catholic education. Sr. Rosemary's mother passed away when she was in the 6th grade. Her father later married her step-mother, Maude Rucker.

Sr. Rosemary was a 1928 graduate of St. Patrick School in Danville. She graduated from Holy Family Academy in Beaverville in 1932. She received a Bachelors in English in 1951 from Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Loyola University, Chicago, in 1956 with a Masters in Education.

Sr. Rosemary was a teacher for many years and was missioned at the following locations from 1934-1968: Holy Family Academy, Beaverville; St. Gall School, Chicago; St. Peter School, Geneva; St. Patrick Community, Momence; Our Lady Academy, Manteno. From 1968-1982, Sr. Rosemary was a member of St. Mary's Community, Kankakee, where she established the Martin Lutheran King Center in Kankakee in 1968. This center was famed for helping some 2,000 adults successfully pass the General Education Development exams from 1968-1975. From 1968-1975, she was co-founder, principal, administrator, and a teacher at the Martin Luther King Center. From

1976-1978, she opened the reading lab and was the GED instructor at the Kankakee City Detention Center. When it was time to retire from teaching, it led her to Presence St. Mary's Hospital, where she served in pastoral ministry and helped to enrich the education department. Sr. Rosemary retired in 1988.

She would have celebrated her 80th Jubilee in August of this year.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, William & Mabel Meyer; her step-mother, Maude Rucker Meyer; two sisters; one brother; 3 step-brothers; and 1 step-sister.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital Chapel in Kankakee with a Wake Service at 6:00 p.m. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2015. Interment will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Beaverville.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Presence St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Funeral Mass

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Presence St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Maribeth Arseneau Hardy lit a candle in memory of Sr. Rosemary Meyer SSCM*



Maribeth Arseneau Hardy - March 28, 2015 at 11:12 PM

MH

“ *Sr. Rosemary taught and inspired me. I have taught middle school for 32 years and never has a day gone by that I don't think of her. She touched our hearts and families. She gave us courage. When I married she gave me a precious Venetian Glass Angel, and she was so kind as to come to my momma's wake last year. All of us were "changed for the better" because we knew her! I loved you, Rosemary, rest in peace. Maribeth Arseneau and the Arseneau Family*

Maribeth Arseneau Hardy - March 28, 2015 at 11:04 PM

CM

“ *Sr Rosemary was a kind loving lady. She always accepted my son and I as one of her own. We sent Christmas cards and talked periodically on the phone. I feel blessed to have been able to speak with her in the last couple weeks. She will be greatly missed but always remembered*

Cathy Meyer - March 28, 2015 at 09:17 PM

TS

“ R.I.P Sister Rosemary she was so sweet..



Tasha Springfield - March 28, 2015 at 04:59 PM

TL

“ Sis Rosemary was a great woman my mom was one of the first student to receive her GED under the leadership of Sis Rosemary. My mom was in the hospital with ovarian cancer Sis Rosemary heard about this and had someone to bring her to see and pray with my mom in 2010. There's a casserole dish at my mom house that Sis Rosemary gave my mom when I was child that always sat on my mom counter until she died in 2011 that I think is still there today.

Terry Wilson - Lloyd - March 27, 2015 at 06:36 PM

EL

Yes I too received my G.E.D. under the leadership of Sister Rosemary, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Center. She was an awesome person and I had the greatest respect for her as so many others did also. She was very kind to mother, who also received her G.E.D. under Sister Rosemary's leadership. May she now rest for she had been a good and faithful servant.

Ethel Lee - March 27, 2015 at 10:58 PM

CW

“ Sister Rosemary was my late mother Flora Lee Wilson teacher at Dr. King center in the 60's. She was such a nice person. Cheryl Wilson

Cheryl Wilson - March 27, 2015 at 04:17 PM

LO

“ *Sr. Rosemary was my teacher in the 1960's at St Patrick School in Momence. She was strict but a good teacher. She lived a good life. God speed.*

Lynne Sellers Ohrt - March 27, 2015 at 12:08 PM

PL

RIP, Roses.

Pam Lawlor - March 27, 2015 at 06:16 PM