



Sister Marie Diebold
1936 – 2016

Memorial

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Burial

Assumption Cemetery
Winfield, Illinois

The Wheaton Franciscan Sisters invite your prayers for

SISTER MARIE DIEBOLD
of the Sacred Heart

Sister Marie Diebold at age 80, breathed into the fullness of God on October 29, 2016 at the Our Lady of the Angels Motherhouse, Wheaton, Illinois. Marie was born of the love of Leona and George Diebold in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on August 27, 1936. Her parents brought her to St. Augustine Church in Kelso, Missouri for baptism on the 6th day of September, 1936. As a child, she often played being “sister” as she was mentored by the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in elementary school and Notre Dame Sisters in high school. At the age of 19, in 1955, Marie chose to join the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters. She was encouraged and influenced by her three aunts who were Wheaton Franciscans and by the Wheaton Franciscans she worked among as a nurse’s aide at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

August 29, 1955 was the date of her entrance and May 19, 1956 she entered novitiate in Wheaton, receiving the name and title of Sr. Margaret of the Sacred Heart. Soon after her perpetual vows in 1963, she chose to return to her baptismal name, Marie. She studied at Marquette University in Milwaukee and then served in several hospital accounting offices within our Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare System. She was also a nurse’s aide at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin. Sr. Marie moved to Fidelity Community in Pueblo, Colorado where she served as librarian at Holy Family School, did child care at a center and enhanced her own education, as she had done in Appleton, Wisconsin and Little Falls, Minnesota. Sr. Marie served as a pastoral visitor for the last 25 years of her life. She also gave herself to office work in Denver and Milwaukee.

Sprinkled among all of these ministries, Sr. Marie was also of service off and on at Our Lady of the Angels Motherhouse as switchboard operator, receptionist, and pastoral associate at Marianjoy, as she had been at St. Mary’s in Racine, Wisconsin and St. Theresa’s Parish in Aurora, Illinois. Her final move was to Our Lady of the Angel’s, Wheaton for the last years of her life. Her most beloved pastoral ministries throughout her life were her work at SET Ministries, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a preemie nurturer at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Milwaukee, and as a Eucharistic Minister at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton, Illinois.

Sr. Marie played/prayed with deep enjoyment in her love of nature, in gardening, with photography, needlepointing, and in and with creative arts. She was a gentle woman who had a loving relationship with God, which she expressed through her presence, ministries and hobbies. Sr. Marie will be present among us as we remember her gentle love of God, of life, of us and of beauty.

We will remember your gentleness, Sister in God.