



Sister Marlene Bemis
1928 – 2016

Memorial

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Wheaton, Illinois

Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, October 27, 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 MARLENE BEMIS
of St. Joseph

Sister Marlene (Mary Bemis) at age 88, breathed into the fullness of God October 22, 2016 at DuPage Convalescent Center, Wheaton, Illinois. Sister Marlene was born of Lena and Charles Bemis on March 22, 1928 in Saunders, Michigan. She was baptized at St. Agnes in Sandy Pines, Michigan on April 18, 1928. Mary's elementary and secondary educations took place in both Michigan and Wisconsin. Sr. Marlene graduated in 1950 from St. Joseph's Hospital School of X-Ray Technology in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She entered postulancy with the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters in 1951, receiving the name of Sr. Marlene of St. Joseph. She professed her perpetual vows in 1958.

Like St. Joseph, her patron, Sr. Marlene was a loving presence of hospitality, simplicity, care, prayer, presence and service throughout her 65 years of ministry. For many years she served as an x-ray technician at St. Mary's Hospital, Racine, Wisconsin, at St. Francis Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa, and at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton, Wisconsin. After 43 years at St. Elizabeth's, she retired in 2008 to Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Wheaton, Illinois.

During her years of living and serving at Our Lady of the Angels, Sr. Marlene was a smiling presence and servant in many areas of need among our retired sisters. She had a visiting and social relationship with many associates as she made her daily walking journey both within the Motherhouse and outside on the grounds, enjoying the beauties of nature and saying her rosary. She enjoyed crocheting and fishing. Sr. Marlene wished to be remembered as "loving my God, my community, and all" with whom she engaged, and her wish will be our memory and her legacy among us.

May God grant her great joy forever among our Sisters in heaven.

