



**Sister Virginia Ruth  
Pendleton  
1928 – 2018**

**Memorial**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel  
Wheaton, Illinois

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
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 VIRGINIA RUTH PENDLETON  
of The Holy Name of Mary**

*Sr. Virginia Ruth Pendleton was born August 3, 1928 in Carthage, Missouri, to Leona and Carr Pendleton. She was one of their nine children. At the age of 32 Virginia Ruth chose to be baptized into the Roman Catholic Community at St. Leonard Church in West Terre Haute, Indiana. Five years later, she entered the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters. When she became a novice in 1966, she received the name of Sr. Dolorita of the Holy Name of Mary. After Vatican II, she returned to her birth and baptismal name.*

*Her life and ministry experiences as a religious woman were many and diverse, and a brilliant witness to her creativity, her sense of servanthood, and her blessing of loving and the compassionate presence that she always emanated. She brought her unique spirit wherever she saw a need among others, whether it was in Wheaton, St. Louis, Denver, Milwaukee, or Rome. For several years she edited the Community's communication, NEWS CHIPS. She saw that mail was promptly delivered at OLA, and she attended to many Sisters' and Associates' needs with her loving heart. She loved reading, classical music, gardening, and her beloved Cardinals baseball team, as well as McDonald's fries, blue cheese dressing, and baked potatoes.*

*Sr. Virginia Ruth cherished beauty and solitude. She always experienced her God's abundant love in both environments. Yes, Sr. Virginia Ruth was and now continues to be a simply fine and finely profound woman. Her tastes, literally, were unique: in food, mentality, and presence with and among others. She incarnated being "Sister" as she enfolded the words of Helen Luke in THE WAY OF WOMAN: "as we journey through life, each of us has the opportunity to find and to give her unique gift. Whether that gift is great or small in the eyes of the world does not matter at all; it is through the finding and the giving that we come to know the joy that lies at the center of both the dark times and the light."*

***Live on, Dearest Sister, in the fullness of Infinity's light and love.***