
Mary Carmel Skeabeck SSJ



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Mary Carmel Skeabeck, SSJ, 91, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, died on May 7, 2015. She was in her 74th year of religious life. She was born in Beyer, Pennsylvania, on July 16, 1923, the daughter of the late Andrew H. Skeabeck and Susan Harchick Skeabeck.

She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Ann Parish, Erie, on September 8, 1941, and professed her final vows on August 15, 1947. She celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 2001.

She graduated from St. Ann Elementary School, Villa Maria Academy and Villa Maria College, where she earned a B.A. in English in 1953. She received her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, New York, in 1968. She also studied at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Edinboro University in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

She spent nearly all of her religious life in the ministry of education, with the only exceptions being the two years she spent as an administrative assistant in the Career Counseling Center of the former Villa Maria College, and one year as an aide in the Ambulatory Clinic at Saint Vincent Health Center. Fourteen years were spent in elementary education at St. Agatha School, Meadville, St. Joseph Home for Children, St. Peter's Grade School, Holy Rosary and St. Joseph Schools in Erie, and at St. Leo Magnus School in Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

Sister's high school teaching career began in Bradford, Pennsylvania at St. Bernard School, continued at St. Agatha in Meadville, St. Leo High School in Ridgway, Elk County Christian High School in St. Mary's, and ended at Villa Maria Academy in Erie. She also spent many years teaching religious education in various parishes of the Erie Diocese.

She retired from teaching in June 1993, and served as a volunteer in several departments at Villa Maria Academy. In her retirement, she resided at the Villa Maria Community Living Center, and spent time caring for her mother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Rev. Andrew H. Skeabeck, CSSR, and Francis Skeabeck.

She is survived by two sisters, Marilyn Boyd, Oakton, Va., and Ann Marie Silverman, Sonoma, Calif. She is also survived by her religious community.

Friends may call at the Villa Maria Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, on Sunday May 10, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., when a prayer service will be held. Calling hours continue on Monday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 4:30 p.m. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Community Support Fund of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506-1249. The Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Home, Inc., is handling arrangements.

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