

Sister Matthew Marie Shaughnessy, D.M.



Sister Matthew Marie Shaughnessy, age 86, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield NJ, went to her eternal rest on May 1, 2020, at Misericordia Nursing Center, York PA, where she had been a resident.

Sister Matthew Marie, born in Windsor Locks, CT, was the daughter of the late Matthew and Lillian (Morahan) Shaughnessy. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in Newfield, NJ in 1956 and professed her vows in 1959. Sister Matthew Marie earned her BA in Mathematics from Connecticut College and then went on to receive her M.A. in Math from Catholic University, Washington, DC.

Sister Matthew Marie taught Mathematics for more than 40 years at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield, NJ -- an all-girls high school owned and administered by the Order. She also taught German and Latin. In addition to teaching, Sister Matthew Marie was the formation director and teacher of the young women who were candidates for the Daughters of Mercy. Sister also served on the Order's Leadership Team for a number of years. Because of illness, she spent the last two years as a resident at Misericordia Nursing Center, York, PA.

Sister Matthew Marie was noted for her dedication to teaching and her exemplary life as a religious. She will forever be missed for her quiet and gentle manner, her astuteness of mind, and her thoroughness in every task she undertook.