



Sr. Grace Diethorn, OSF

September 13, 1925 - May 9, 2022

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On May 9, 2022, Sister Grace Diethorn passed away at The Waters of Wexford. Sister Grace was preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Catherine Diethorn, five brothers: Lawrence Diethorn, Jr., Joseph Diethorn, Albert Diethorn, Oscar Diethorn, Regis Diethorn, and three sisters: Lorraine Stein, Mary Del Percio, Garnett Diethorn. She is survived by her sister Claire Gigante, and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Grace graduated from Duquesne University with a Bachelor degree in Education. Sister taught middle and upper grade children mainly in the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1947-1982; three of these years she taught in Puerto Rico. From 1982 to 1987, Grace had the privilege of taking care of her elderly Father. This experience ultimately prepared Grace for her ministry in the Health Care Unit at the Motherhouse at Mt. Alvernia from 1987-1990. Sister never tired of helping the sick and infirmed sisters in community. In 2004 the Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale, chose Sister to receive the Peacemaker Award given by the National Franciscan Federation because of her service to the elderly sisters and peacemaking work. Sister Grace was an active member of Pittsburgh area Pax Christi for nine years attending monthly meetings, and annual actions for peace and justice. She said this call stemmed from her call to challenge injustice and build right relationships. Sister Grace enjoyed being creative collecting poems, quotes, short stories and other inspirational readings placing them in beautiful scrapbooks she

shared with sisters and staff. She also enjoyed listening to classical or dance music always spreading joy wherever she went.

One of Sister Grace's personal desire in life was "to live a gentle lifestyle." Anyone who knew her would certainly agree that she did live a gentle lifestyle. She was a woman full of grace, a loving gentle lady blessing everyone by her presence.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, at St. Aiden Parish, St. Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Hwy., Wexford, from 12:30 PM until the time of Funeral Mass at 1:30 PM. Interment at Mt. Alvernia Cemetery to follow. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville.

In lieu of flowers, please make all memorial contributions to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 208, Liverpool, NY 13088.

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Cemetery Details

Mount Alvernia Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Alexis Church, St. Aiden Parish
10090 Old Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090

Mass

MAY 12. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Grace Diethorn, OSF*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sister Martha Torbik, Osf sent a virtual gift in memory of Sr. Grace Diethorn, OSF*



Sister Martha Torbik, osf - May 12, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sister Martha Torbik, Osf lit a candle in memory of Sr. Grace Diethorn, OSF*



Sister Martha Torbik, osf - May 12, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Sister Grace was a very dear Sister and friend to me. We did many things together: sharing our love of Native American life including performing a round dance together at an Indian Powwow, visiting the Native American Hall at the Carnegie Museum as well as the Opening Ceremonies for it; frequent enjoyment of culture including the Pittsburgh Ballet, some plays, musicals and an Andre Rieu performance... My fond memory of this is that while waiting to see Andre after a concert, I wanted to get his autograph for my mom but Grace simply wanted to "touch the hand that drew the bow". Grace was a simple, humble, passionate, dedicated, loving and caring person and I will miss her very much.*

With loving gratitude for having known Sr. Grace, Sr. Martha Torbik, osf

Sister Martha Torbik, osf - May 12, 2022 at 12:40 PM