



Sr. Joanne Elizabeth Bich, OSF

June 7, 1936 - April 6, 2017

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On Thursday, April 6, 2017. Sister of George (Regina) Bich and the late Fr. Howard Bich, OFM Cap. and Mary Paula (Andrew) Pavinich; daughter of the late George Joseph (Mary Petgen) Bich. Sister Joanne entered the Millvale Franciscans from All Saints Parish in Etna in 1954. During her 61 years of ministry, Sister served in various capacities. After serving on 2 years in the educational field she felt a strong desire to pursue nursing. From 1958 to 1971, Sister ministered at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh, followed by 5 years in home health nursing. In 1981, Sister was called to serve as director of human services for the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale. In 1993, she was elected community minister and then served in various positions of community leadership until 2002. For 6 years, Sister served senior citizens as manager at Alverno Apartments in Millvale. In 2008 she was elected regional minister for the Pittsburgh Region of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. Sister's final for years were spent in numerous areas of service to her sisters. For a while she even found time to volunteer at the local food bank. Her services were many but she always retained a special love for nursing in vulnerable populations and providing hope for those in need of encouragement. During these years, she was also a faithful patient at the Hillman Center and frequently expressed her gratitude for their kind and excellent care. Her extraordinary life mirrored her favorite scripture verse from Micah. Sister Joanne will be remembered by all as one who acted justly, loved

tenderly, and walked humbly with her God. Visitation at the MT. ALVERNIA MOTHERHOUSE CHAPEL, 146 Hawthorne Road, Millvale on Monday from 2-7 PM, where Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Burial to follow at the Sisters Cemetery at Mt. Alvernia. Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis Ministry, Formation or Retirement Fund. 146 Hawthorne Rd., Pgh., PA 15209.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Mt. Alvernia

Mass

APR **11**. 10:30 AM.

Mt. Alvernia

Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Joanne Elizabeth Bich, OSF*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *I will miss Sr Joanne dearly. She will forever be in my heart*

~ Angie (Hillman)

Angie - April 10, 2017 at 07:42 AM