



Sr. Mary Angelita Molina, OSF

February 7, 1939 - September 16, 2022

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On September 16, 2022, Sister Mary Angelita (Juana) Molina passed away at The Waters of Wexford.

Sister Angelita was preceded in death by her parents, Maria Medina and Eduardo Molina, brothers Eduardo, Miguel and Ramon, and sisters Carmen and Judith. She is survived by her sister Dora and brothers William, Ismael, Francisco and Juan Luis, as well as a cousin Aurea, and other family members.

Sister Angelita was born in Utuado, Puerto Rico, and after entering the Millvale Franciscans, she spent many years as a teacher in primary grades in Puerto Rico, where she graduated with a BA in Elementary Education. She then studied at Fordham University and graduated with an MA in Religious Education. She was a Director of Religious Education and an Associate Director of Evangelization in parishes in New Mexico and Oklahoma. While working in Oklahoma City, Sister Angelita met 2 Sisters from Nigeria who had come to the US to study. In her book, *My 15 Year Journey in Africa*, Sister Angelita states: "The two Sisters explained to me the many needs of the people of Nigeria. Everything in my being was saying 'Africa! Africa! Africa!'"

In 1988, her desire to pursue missionary work led her to apply to The Center for Mission Studies at Maryknoll, New York. After finishing the program on Cross-Cultural Ministry, she began a special 15 year ministry in Nigeria, Diocese of Benin City. From 1989-2004, Sister Angelita lived and worked with the people of Nigeria, serving as the Director of Evangelization and much more. She worked to build a well for the people in her neighborhood; she built a school with a meeting hall and a skating rink for the children of the town. In order to help women start businesses of their own, she taught them the art of batik/tie- die on cloth. Sister Angelita wrote about her departure from Nigeria in 2004, "God gave me the dream. I looked at it and embraced it, and only by God's grace, I fulfilled that dream to the best of my abilities. Goodbye, Africa"

Sister Angelita returned to Pittsburgh and ministered in Mississippi and South Carolina before again returning to Pittsburgh. Part of 2008 was spent in Hawaii where she wrote her book. In shopping malls and wherever she could, she engaged others in talking about the Lord. Sister Angelita: missionary,

Franciscan Sister, woman of deep faith.

Viewing will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at St Aidan Parish, St Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford from 9:30-10:00 AM. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM. Interment at Mt. Alvernia Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 208, Liverpool, NY 13088. Professional services trusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory, LTD., Lawrenceville,

www.dalessandro ltd.com .

Cemetery Details

Mount Alvernia Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Mass

SEP 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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