



Sr. M. Bernadette Battaglia, OSF

May 24, 1927 - December 28, 2022

Sister M. Bernadette Pauline Battaglia, OSF

Age 95, on December 28, 2022. Beloved sister of Joseph (Dolores) Battaglia, Santo (Arlene) Battaglia, Vincenzina (the late Richard) Larko; loving aunt of Debbie (Jeff Hillard) Battaglia, Laurie Battaglia, John (Debbie) Battaglia, and Joe (Donna) Battaglia; daughter of the late Joseph Battaglia and Concettina Aiello.

Sister Bernadette Battaglia was born in Carnegie, PA. Sister was known as a person who loved life and nurtured a strong dedication to God. In 1955, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale. She began her ministry by teaching in the primary grades in the Pittsburgh diocese. Over the years, she earned a Bachelor's and a Masters in Education. Eventually, her ministry took her to Puerto Rico for 19 years and Venezuela for 3 years where she served as both teacher and principal. In 1992, Sister Bernadette received the "Who's Who Among American Teachers" award. She also taught kindergarten at the Mt. Alvernia Day Care and Learning Center from 1995-1997. For almost 15 years, Sister served at St. Peter's School in Beaufort in the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. Here she served as teacher, visitor to prisoners and pastoral minister to many in the area. When her ministry at St. Peter's Church ended in 2014, she received a formal letter of gratitude from the bishop of Charleston. The members of St. Peter's Parish described as a

person whose faithfulness never ended and generosity never waned. In their hearts, she became an inspiration to all. Over time, her health began to diminish and she returned to Mt. Alvernia. Even in retirement, she would fondly share those memories of her time at St. Peter's. In her declining years, she remained very outgoing and tried to reach out to others as she was able. For over half a century, Sister Bernadette served in various ministries and became endeared to the hearts of many. She once described happiness as loving God, being at peace and being a Franciscan.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, January 3, at St Aidans Parish, St Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford, from 9:30 until the time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment at Mt. Alvernia Cemetery. 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 AND CREMATORY, LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandroltd.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Alvernia Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Mass

JAN 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

CE

“ Cecilia lit a candle in memory of Sr. M. Bernadette Battaglia, OSF



Cecilia - January 15, 2023 at 02:38 PM

CE

“ Sr. Bernadette will forever be in my families heart. She taught Spanish to both our children from Kindergarten thru 8th grade and helped with altar serving as well at St Peter's in Beaufort. My daughter still sings songs in Spanish that Sister taught them. We love you Sister, Rest in Peace!

Cecilia - January 15, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ Sr. M. Bernadette Battaglia, OSF

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ Cheri Simkins lit a candle in memory of Sr. M. Bernadette Battaglia, OSF



Cheri Simkins - January 01, 2023 at 12:35 PM

CS

“ Sr Bernadette will be remembered for her beautiful smile, kind eyes, & caring soul. She was easy to talk to & made me feel like whatever I had to say was important. I feel blessed that I got to know her. May she rest in peace. Cheri Simkins

Cheri Simkins - January 01, 2023 at 12:33 PM

KO

“ Sister Bernadette taught my youngest son, KAm at Saint Peter's in Beaufort. When I say “taught” —although she did have him as a student, Sister taught him even more about love, kindness and respect— even when Sister had to discipline him, she approached it out of love— love of God, love of others— he absolutely adored her as did everyone I know. Thank you Sister. Rest now faithful servant.

Kate Olin - January 01, 2023 at 09:30 AM

HF

“ Sister Bernadette was one of the kindest people I have ever known! From the very first time she always referred to me as Mrs Fleury and always asked about my son, husband and father! She was an angel her and now above!

Heather Fleury - December 31, 2022 at 06:56 PM