

Sister Mary Rose Anthony, SND (Margaret Mary Ballard) 1930 - 2017

Thousand Oaks

Sister Mary Rose Anthony, SND (Margaret Mary Ballard), 86, died Sunday, June 26, 2017 in Newbury Park following a lengthy illness. She was born July 11, 1930 in Des Moines, Iowa and was a 53-year Ventura County resident.

From the onset of her religious life, Sister Mary Rose Anthony was especially interested in working with young children. Beginning in 1952, she served as teacher and/or principal in both Northern and Southern California. In 1990, Sister became Director of Religious Education at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Simi Valley, a ministry for which she was well qualified and one she particularly cherished.

A young woman who first met Sister in the mid-1980s when she was preparing to become catechist remembered: "Sister Mary Rose Anthony was a spiritual, intelligent, up-to-date guide through our Faith and the recent changes that had taken place in the Church. She had an amazing understanding of the children to whom we would be ministering."

In 2002 Sister Mary Rose Anthony retired to Notre Dame Center, Thousand Oaks, where she continued to serve not only as sacristan and receptionist but also by her prayer and presence. Her devotion to community life and her commitment to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament were also parts of her generous services.

She is survived by her cousins Mrs. Patricia Jarnagin of Polk City, Iowa and Larry Ballard of Iowa.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 6 at Sisters of Notre Dame, 1776 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. the same day, also at Sisters of Notre Dame. The Reverend John Paul Gonzalez will officiate. Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery, 1380 Fitzgerald Rd., Simi Valley.

Donations in Sister Mary Rose Anthony's name may be made to Sisters of Notre Dame.

Arrangements are under the direction of Griffin Family Funeral Chapels, Thousand Oaks (805)230-2800.

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