



## Sister Mary Gerald Creeden

August 9, 2019

Sister Mary Gerald Creeden of the Sisters of Mercy died on August 9, 2019 at St. Mary Home, West Hartford, CT. Sister Mary was born in Worcester, MA, the daughter of the late John and Mary (Fryer) Creeden. She was a graduate of St. Joseph College, now University of St. Joseph, received her Master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University and studied for her 6th year certificate at Boston College. Sister taught in several schools in Connecticut and served for many years as principal of St. Bernard's School in Rockville. Upon her retirement, she volunteered at Birthright and CT Hospice. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Mary Home Chapel, 2021 Albany Ave. West Hartford on Wednesday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. There will be no calling hours. A light lunch will follow the funeral Mass. Burial will take place at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in memory of Sister Gerald may be made to Sisters of Mercy, 25 Prescott St. West Hartford, CT 06110. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com)

# Events

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**AUG** **Mass Of Resurrection** 11:00AM

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St. Mary Home

2021 Albany Ave., West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

**AUG** **Burial**

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Saint Mary Cemetery

2021 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

# Comments

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“ All my years at St. Bernard's, I never had a nun for a teacher, but Sr. Gerald was a constant presence and she sat in when Mrs. O'Connell took leave to be with her husband after his heart attack. That's when I think I really started to get to know her, her wit and her kindness. I remember she sometimes twitched her mouth, often at things that were a little funny. Mrs. O'Connell told us that it was because she was biting the inside of her cheek to keep from laughing out loud. To me, she was St. Bernard's.

**Edward Shaw** - August 12 at 08:18 PM



“ Well said Ed Shaw. All these years later, I still can make my family laugh by saying, “attention, sit up, sit straight, Miss Picard, I can tell by the whites of your eyes you are not listening” or when she would ask the class a question and no one would have the nerve to respond....then she would state, “some don't know, you don't know”..... although, she seemed stern, you could always tell she had a warm heart. My only regret is that I did not have the opportunity to share what a positive impact she had on me as a role model...

**Renee Picard Walsh** - August 12 at 10:46 PM



“ I always remember her saying to our class right before she walked out the door "a word to the wise is sufficient."

**Celeste Willard** - August 13 at 12:09 PM



“ I echo everyone's sentiment. She was one of the first adults who believed in my potential. It made all the difference. I trust that she died knowing that she made an impact on many lives.

**Marcella Shaw Nash** - August 13 at 12:31 PM



“ I'll just leave this little gem here...

“A gum chewing girl and a cud chewing cow,  
Are somewhat a like, but different somehow.  
Ahh yes, I can see it now.  
It's the intelligent look on the face of the cow.”

Thank you Sister. Your indelible mark lives on in so many of us. Rest easy.

**Tammy Yowell** - August 14 at 05:31 PM