



## Sister Grace Mannion

October 29, 1931 - October 19, 2017

Sister Grace Mannion (Grace Anne) of the Sisters of Mercy died peacefully on Thursday October 19, 2017 after a prolonged illness at St. Mary Home, West Hartford. Born in Danbury on October 29, 1931 of the late James J. and Grace (Cassidy) Mannion and raised in Danbury, Sister Grace entered the Sisters of Mercy on July 1, 1949 and professed her vows on June 28, 1952. After receiving her B.A. Degree, Sister Grace taught for 14 years in several Catholic schools throughout the diocese of Bridgeport and the Hartford Archdiocese before pursuing an M.A. degree from St. Joseph College, now University of St. Joseph. She taught English in area Catholic high schools prior to her transition to direct the Mercy initiative inviting and involving the laity to participate through voluntary annual covenant and commitment as partner Associates, to forward the spiritual and active ministries of the Sisters of Mercy called Extended Mercy. Sister Grace was a deeply compassionate, caring director from its 1995 origins until her recent retirement at which time she volunteered continuing service. Sister was indefatigable in her dedication to Extended Mercy. She lovingly developed the highly successful Associate program. Its growth is tenfold of the original group of women and men actively engaged to serve God's people through Mercy mission and works of social concern. She was greatly admired for her ability to teach, to listen attentively; her wise guidance was often sought by those in need of support. Her beautiful voice, her gift of song, her contagious love of life brought joy and comfort to a myriad of friends. She was predeceased by her parents and only sister, Mary. She is survived by several cousins and her community of the Sisters of Mercy especially Patricia Brewer, RSM her dearest friend and constant companion and Mercy Associates co- director Kathleen Swift.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at University of St. Joseph Connor Chapel on Thursday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. with calling hours beginning at 3:00p.m. Burial will take place on Friday at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in Sister's memory are asked to consider Sisters of Mercy, 25 Prescott St. West Hartford, CT 06110. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

# Events

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**OCT** **Burial**

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Saint Mary Cemetery

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

# Comments

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“ I was saddened to read about the death of the beloved Sister Grace Mannion. Sister Grace exuded a zest for life and radiated joy to everyone around her. What a beautiful soul. Catherine McAuley is proud of her spiritual daughter. Sister Grace was also the quintessential educator. She was a master of the English language. Her oral and written communication skills were impeccable and her attention to detail demonstrated her organizational ability. It is easy to understand why the Mercy Associates flourished under her guidance and leadership. May God reward the fruits of her labor. Well done, good and faithful servant! Requiescat In Pace! Sincerely, Dr. Joan M. Kelly Westport, Connecticut

**Dr. Joan M. Kelly - Westport, CT - Friend** - October 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ A woman aptly named. A Grace-full, warm, accepting, and kind spirit has left us but has bestowed the world with her legacy of light and compassion. Rest in peace and rise in glory! Christ's peace to her family and all the Sisters of Mercy who mourn her.

**Marian Humphrey - Alexandria, VA** - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Truly a Sister of MERCY, Grace Mannion epitomized the values and ideals that Catherine McAuley lived to the fullest. Grace was indeed a woman of grace, kind, compassionate and true. My deepest sympathies go to Mary and, of course, to Pat. Although Grace is now in eternity and still present, except in a different way, this loss cannot but be felt deeply by all who loved her.

**Barbara Kathe - Newport, RI** - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathy and prayers go to the Sisters of Mercy in West Hartford on the death of Sr. Grace Manion. She was so far-sighted in her vision of Mercy Associates, and they will be a lasting legacy of hers. From: A co-director of the Mercy Association in Vermont.

**Sr. Joanne LaFreniere - So. Burlington, VT** - October 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Sister Mannion, you brought me to the Sisters as an Associate, God Bless you.

**Elaine Alessio - Walnut Creek, CA - Friend** - October 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just to expand Sister Grace's obituary in one regard. She was our principal at Lauralton Hall in the 1970s. We knew her as Sister Grace Anne then. She was very fair, kind, sympathetic, and encouraging. I believe that all of my classmates respected and admired Sister Grace Anne (other favorites among the nuns were Sister Gertrude Miriam, Sister Barbara, Sister Francis Raphael, Sister Mary Alice, and Sister Corona). I believe that she also had a sister who was a Sister of Mercy. She would come to school to visit. I didn't graduate from LH as my father was transferred to Chicagoland. But I was able to continue my Mercy education at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago (I believe it is the largest private girls' high school in the country). Rest in peace, Sister Grace Anne. Thank you for your light, wisdom, and grace. As the years go by, I am even more grateful to the Sisters and the lay teachers for their guidance and sacrifices on our behalf. Please pray for us, Sister.

**Mimi Doyle - Pacific Palisades, CA** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My eight grade teacher at Sacred Heart in Waterbury, Sr. Grace was my most memorable teacher. I am blessed because she has been in my life for so many decades. A life so well lived.

**Mary Ellen Bannon - San Diego, CA** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ A beautiful lady has gone to heaven. I have so many wonderful memories of Grace at St. Peters. School and Danbury High School.

**Margaret Green Billings - danbury, CT - Friend** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ May comfort from Christ Jesus, strengthen the family and friends, during this time of mourning. John 5:25,28,29, Matthew 11:28,29

**D F - LA** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Along with Sr. Florence, "indefatigable" is what both of us would describe as your painstaking courage. My thoughts to Patty as well. Grace would appreciate the well-described obituary.

**Rev. Dr. Mahlon Gilbert - Columbia, CT - Coworker** - October 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM