



## Sister Ellen Marie Coburn

February 5, 2014

SISTER ELLEN MARIE COBURN of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas died Wednesday (Feb. 5, 2014) at St. Mary Home. Born in Hartford April 10, 1927, Sister was the 8th of nine children born to the late Frank and Mary (Connors) Coburn. Sister Ellen grew up in East Hartford and Manchester and graduated from Lauralton Hall in Milford. Following in her sister's footsteps, she entered the Sisters of Mercy at the age of 19 and professed religious vows on January 3, 1949. For 29 years Sister taught young children, primarily second graders, in Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford before obtaining a nursing assistant certificate. With these new skills, Sister ministered to the sick and elderly at St. Mary Home, Mercyknoll, The McAuley and as a Private Duty Companion to many, including her own aging mother. Sister Ellen is remembered as being very prayerful and is described by one CNA as "a humble spirit, a woman of God". She possessed a quiet demeanor but could also be feisty! Her compassion and generosity knew no bounds; others' needs always came before her own. Sister is predeceased by seven siblings: Harriet, Francis, Robert, Joseph, Anthony, Joan and Sister Catherine Ann, also a Sister of Mercy. She is survived by her brother John, many devoted nieces and nephews and her sisters in community.

Sister Ellen Marie's life will be celebrated with a Mass of the Resurrection on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6:00PM in the chapel at St. Mary Home. Friends may call from 3-5 PM prior to the Mass. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery on Tuesday at 9:00AM. Those wishing to make a contribution in Sister's memory are asked to consider the Sisters of Mercy, c/o 55 East Cedar St., Newington 06111. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home has care of arrangements. For directions and online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

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“ Please accept my sincerest sympathy on the death of Sr. Ellen Marie. Although I did not know her, I can well appreciate the impact that she had on the lives of her family, her community and all those to whom she ministered. Be assured of my thoughtful prayers. May she rest in peace.

Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ  
Director of the Office for Religious  
Archdiocese of Hartford

**Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ - Hartford, CT** - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Very sorry to learn of Sister Ellen's passing. She was a wonderful person and caregiver to so many people. Sister Ellen was a friend and caregiver for my mother for 2 years in West Hartford. Sister Ellen and Florence got along really well, which I was always grateful. She was always very thoughtful and put the family first. I am very sad to hear about her death, but I am sure she will be right at home in Heaven.

**James Clevenger - West Hartford, CT** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM