

SORAHAN, ELIZABETH

Sister Maria Sorahan, DMJ

August 16, 1928-May 23, 2025

Sister Maria Sorahan of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, was born in the village of Kilnaleck, Cavan, Ireland, to Annie Monaghan and James Sorahan. She was one of 12 children - 14, had twins survived, is predeceased by her parents and siblings: Phil, Nan, Jim, Tom, Matt, Andy, John, Mary, Pat, Michael and Rose. Stories abound describing the wonders of growing up in the lively chaos of a large family.

Maria transferred to the Daughters of Mary and Joseph from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. 1978 she taught at Morning Star School in San Francisco before her assignment to St. Augustine's School, Culver City, 1981. Here she taught 2nd. Grade for over 30 years. One of Maria's strong passions was her dedication to working with the parents of her students, especially in their preparation for First Holy Communion. She excelled in exploring their faith journey together. Her talented work at fundraising became known far and wide as she managed the weekly Bingo Game at St. Augustine's. One of her mottos comes from Mary Poppins: "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun."

The Daughters of Mary and Joseph extend deep gratitude for the compassionate care of the entire staff of St. John of God Care Center, Los Angeles, where Maria spent her final years. She will long be remembered for her insatiable curiosity and story-telling. Deeply missed by her Community and her family of loving nieces and nephews and their families.

Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 June 7, 2025, St. Augustine's Church, Jasmine Avenue, Culver City, followed by Graveside at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials in Sister's name to Daughters of Mary and Joseph Retirement Fund, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5004